REYNOLDS HISTORICAL
GENEALOGY COLLECTION

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3 1833 01176 9616

840

NEW YORK COLONIAL TRACTS

V. 3

1659, 1663

VOYAGES OF THE SLAVERS

ST. JOHN

AND ARMS OF AMSTERDAM

V. 4

1718-1730

LETTERS OF ISAAC BOBIN

840

VOYAGES

OF THE SLAVERS

St. John and Arms of Amsterdam,

1659, 1663;

TOGETHER WITH

Additional Papers illustrative of the Slave Trade under the Dutch.

TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS,

WITH AN

Introduction and Index,

By E. B. O'CALLAGHAN.

ALBANY, N. Y.,
J. MUNSELL, 82 STATE ST.
1867.

2

1748502

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2015

https://archive.org/details/lettersofisaacbo01bobi

(i) - (ii)

New York Colonial Tracts.

Number III.

Voyages of the Slavers St. John and Arms of Amsterdam.

LETTERS

OF

Isaac Bobin, Esq.,

PRIVATE SECRETARY OF

Hon. GEORGE CLARKE,

Secretary of the Province of New York.

1718-1730.

ALBANY, N. Y.:
J. MUNSELL, 82 STATE ST.
1872.

INTRODUCTION.

IN THE Tract now published, we have collected and tranſlated the Papers in the Secretary of State's Office, illuſtrative of Slavery and the Slave Trade under the Dutch. As the Documents are authentic, they furniſh reliable Material for a Chapter in the early Hiſtory of our State at preſent unwritten, and hitherto but partially known.

To the Dutch undoubtedly belongs the queſtionable Diſtinction of having introduced Negro Slavery into the Colonies, now the *United States of America.* "About the laſt of *Auguſt*" (1619), ſays *John Rolfe*, the celebrated Huſband of *Pocahontas*, writing from *Virginia*, "came in a Dutch man of warre, that ſold vs twenty Negars."* *Oldmixon* refers to the ſame Event, but leaves

Smith's General Hiſtory of Virginia, Ed. 1627, P. 126, *Richmond* Ed., II, 39.

* This Event is generally ſtated to have occurred in 1620; but a careful Peruſal of *Smith* ſhows that it took place in 1619. Mr. *Bancroft, Hiſt. U. S.*, 1ſt Ed., I, 189, quotes *Beverley* as the original Authority for this Fact. *Beverley* only copied Capt. *Smith*, without acknowledging the Source of his Information; of which Circumſtance Mr. *Bancroft* does not appear to have been aware.

the Impreſſion that the Veſſel was a Merchantman. "The Merchant ſold 20 Negroes, which were the firſt Slaves that were brought thither (to *Virginia*) from *Guinea*."

British Empire in America, Ed. 1741, I, 369.

At this Period a Claſs of Adventurers, called "*Guinea* Traders," reſorted to *Africa*; another Claſs, called "*Virginia* Traders," reſorted to *America*. One or other of theſe, it is ſuppoſed, landed the above mentioned Negroes.

In 1621, all the Dutch private Companies trading to *Africa* and *America* were merged into one—the celebrated Weſt India Com-

pany—which, by Virtue of its Charter, raiſed Troops, fitted out Men-of-War, and made other Preparations for entering the Field againſt *Spain*. This Power had, at that time, the almoſt entire Control of the Trade of *Africa*, from which Country it imported into *Brazil*, during the four Years ending 1623, *Fifteen thouſand, four hundred and thirty* Blacks, to work its Sugar Plantations.

De Laet, Jaerlyk Verhael, 192.

In 1623, the Weſt India Company commenced Hoſtilities, which it continued with conſiderable Vigor for ſeveral Years. At firſt, how-

ever, it placed no Value on the Negroes it captured from the Spaniards; for in 1624, Admiral *Van Dort* having overhauled, off the Coaſt of *Brazil*, a Spaniſh Veſſel carrying Blacks from *Angola* to *Bahia*, took the Skipper and let the Ship and Blacks go, "not knowing," frankly confeſſes *De Laet*, "how uſeful and profitable they could be to them." Again, in 1627, the Dutch having overcome a Portugueſe Ship, coming from *Angola* to *Pernambuco* with 600 Blacks on board, they derived no Advantage from the Capture, as

Jaerlyk Verhael, P. 17.

Ibid., P. 120, 121.

thoſe of *Pernambuco* refuſed to ranſom the Negroes, ſome of whom were landed afterwards, with the Portugueſe, at *Fayal.* And ſo late as 1631, two Ships from *Angola* with 850 Negroes, having been captured off *Hiſpaniola* and *Sta. Martha*, the Dutch Commanders not knowing what to do with the Blacks, let them and the Ships go.

De Laet, Ibid., P. 230, 270.

It will be ſeen by the above *Reſumé*, that the Weſt India Company having been abſorbed in its Operations againſt the Spaniards, did not, for ſome Years after it

first came into Existence, place much Value on the Slave Trade; and, as a Consequence, Slavery was not greatly fostered or encouraged in *New Netherland.*

It was not until the Dutch had reduced *Pernambuco* and other Parts of *Brazil*, and taken *Curaçao*, that they began to derive any Profit from the Capture of Slaves. In *October*, 1636, the *Soutbergh* took a Ship from *Angola* with 230 Negroes, which were sold shortly afterwards at the *Reciff* for 30,000 Guilders. A couple of Months later, another Lot of captured Afri-

De Laet, Ibid., P. 528, 529.

cans, 340 in Number, was ſold by public Auction at the ſame Place, and brought 67,000 Guilders. Between the Years 1623 and 1636, the Dutch captured from the Spaniards *Two thouſand, three hundred and fifty-ſix* Negroes, whoſe eſtimated Value was 589,000 Guilders. Finally, in 1641, they reduced *Loando St. Paulo* in *Africa;* and thus, with this Slave Hive on the one Side, and *Brazil* and *Curaçao* for Slave Markets on the other, they obtained complete Control of the Slave Trade. The Ships of the Weſt India Company now ſailed direct from *Holland* to

De Laet, Ibid., App. P. 21.

Southey's Brazil.

Angola with Articles of Commerce; got Slaves in Exchange, which they carried to *Brazil*, and returned to *Holland* with Sugar and other Produce of that Country.

We now propose to trace the Introduction of Slavery into *New Netherland.*

In 1625 or 1626, six or seven Years after the Dutch had discharged the small Lot of Slaves in *Virginia*, the first Negroes were brought to *Manhattan.* Among them were *Paul d' Angola, Simon Congo, Anthony Portuguese, John Francisco,* and seven other Africans, who were

probably captured at Sea. Their Names denote the Country to which they originally belonged. Two Years afterwards three Negro Women arrived at *New Amſterdam;* and theſe are the only Inſtances on Record of the Introduction of Slaves in *New Netherland* prior to the Erection of Patroonſhips and Colonies in 1629, when the Weſt India Company publicly promiſed to "uſe their Endeavors to ſupply the Coloniſts with as many Blacks as they conveniently can."

Freedoms of 1629, Art. 30.

For Cauſes, already noted, theſe "endeavors" were not followed, as

far as we have been able to aſcertain, by any immediate Increaſe of Negroes here; and it was not until after the Reduction of *Loando* that the Current of Slavery ſet northward to any great Amount.*

By an Edict iſſued in 1645, no private Dutch Veſſel was allowed to trade farther North than *Cape Florida*, nor on any Account to the *Virginias*, *New Netherland*, *New France*, the Coaſt of *Africa* or *Brazil*. The Trade in theſe Coun-

N. Y. Colonial Doc., I, 223.

* Slavery exiſted in the Limits of the preſent State of *New Jerſey* as early as 1638.—*N. Y. Col. MSS.*, I, 41.

tries was wholly monopolized by the Weſt India Company.

In the Summer of 1646, the firſt Slave Ship, of whoſe Name we have a Record, arrived in *New Netherland.* She was called the *Amandaré.* This Veſſel touched at *Barbadoes,* where "three Negro Wenches" were ſpirited away. The Remainder arrived at *New Amſterdam* in *June,* where "the Negroes were ſold for Pork and Peas. Something wonderful was to be performed with them, but they juſt dropped through the Fingers." What Number of Slaves were brought in

Vanderdonck Vertoogh.

this Veſſel, or whether they were brought from *Brazil* or *Guinea*, is not ſtated.*

In *January*, 1648, a Committee of the States General made a lengthy Report on the Affairs of the Weſt India Company, in the Courſe of which they refer to the Fact, that in Conſequence of the unſettled State of *Brazil*, "the Slave Trade hath long lain dormant to the great Damage of the Company." In order to revive that Traffic,

* Sugar and Oil were a Part of her Cargo; and theſe Articles may ſerve as a Clue to determine her Port of Departure. She undoubtedly belonged to, or was chartered by, the Weſt India Company.

Attention was turned to *New Netherland.*

N. Y. Colonial Doc., I, 246.

"That Country," ſays the Report, "is conſidered to be the moſt fruitful of all within your High Mightineſſes' Juriſdiction, and the beſt adapted to raiſe all Sorts of this Country Produce, ſuch as Rye, Wheat, Barley, Peas, Beans, etc., and Cattle; and that in more Abundance than can be done here, were it ſuitably peopled and cultivated. The granting of Freedoms and Privileges, hath indeed induced ſome Patroons and Coloniſts to undertake Agriculture there; but

as the Produce cannot be ſold any where except in the adjacent Places belonging to the Engliſh, who are themſelves ſufficiently ſupplied, thoſe Planters have not received a Return for their Labor and Outlay. With a View, then, to give greater Encouragement to Agriculture, and conſequently to Population, we ſhould conſider it highly advantageous that a way be opened to allow them to export their Produce even to *Brazil*, in their own Veſſels, under certain Duties, and ſubject to the Superviſion both of the Director in *New Netherland*, and the Supreme

Council in *Brazil;* and to trade it off there, and to carry Slaves back in Return; which Privilege of ſailing with their own Ships from *New Netherland* to *Brazil,* ſhould be excluſively allowed to Patroons and Coloniſts, who promote the Population in *New Netherland,* and not to the Interlopers, who only carry Goods to and fro, without attending to Agriculture. By this Means not only would *Brazil* be ſupplied with Proviſions at a cheaper Rate, but *New Netherland* would by Slave Labor, be more extenſively cultivated than it has hitherto been,

becauſe the agricultural Laborers, who are conveyed thither at great Expenſe to the Coloniſts, ſooner or later apply themſelves to Trade, and neglect Agriculture altogether. Slaves, on the other Hand, being brought and maintained there at a cheap Rate, various other Deſcriptions of Produce would be raiſed, and by their Abundance be reduced in Price, ſo as to allow, when Occaſion would offer, of their advantageous Exportation hither and to other Parts of Europe."

The Trade to *Africa* was opened, in 1652, to the Coloniſts, who

N. Y. Colonial MSS., IX, 53.

were permitted to import Slaves directly from that Country, within certain prescribed Limits. No immediate Action, however, followed this Permission; and it was not until the Year 1655 that Slaves began to be regularly imported into *New Netherland.*

It is to be borne in Mind, however, that during the War with *Spain*, Privateers swarmed among the *Caribbean Islands* and along the Spanish Main. These Vessels occasionally brought Prizes to *New Amsterdam.* After the Peace between the *United Netherlands* and

Spain, Hostilities were carried on between the latter Power and *France.* To the Privateers under the French Flag *New Amsterdam* was a neutral Port, where some of them occasionally came and disposed of their captured Negroes and other prize Goods.*

N. Y. Colonial Doc., I, 577, 578.

It has been asserted that Negroes were imported into *New Netherland* "often directly from *Guinea.*" This Allegation is based on the Despatch of 7th *April,* 1648, and on the

Bancroft's U. S., 1st Ed., II, 303.

* In 1642, the Privateer *La Garce* brought in a few Negroes, and in 1652 a Lot of *Forty-four* Negroes were brought in by another Privateer who had captured them from a Spaniard.

mere Draft of a Contract in 1660 (*Infra*, P. 101, 169). But there is no Evidence that any Action followed the Permiſſion of 1648, and the Remonſtrance (*Infra*, P. 171), proves that the Contract not only had never been executed, but that the Parties declined executing it. The Records contain Inſtances of the Arrival of only two Veſſels at *New Amſterdam* "directly from *Guinea*" with Slaves. Theſe were the *Wittepaert* and *Gideon*. All other Importations of that Character were from *Curaçao*, except perhaps thoſe of the *Amandaré*, which moſt

probably were brought from *Brazil.*

The Ventures and Veſſels in this nefarious Commerce, belonged either to private Parties in *Holland,* or to the Weſt India Company. "We have reſolved," write the Directors at *Amſterdam* in 1661, "not only that Slaves ſhall be kept in *New Netherland,* as we have heretofore ordered, but that they ſhall moreover be exported to the Engliſh and other Neighbours." The Spirit of Avarice and Greed deadened Conſcience and ſmothered all Feeling of Humanity; and "the Pro-

motion of Agriculture, Trade, and Population" was the thin Covering which gloſſed over the Infamy of the Trade.

In *November* 1661, the City of *New Amſterdam* became the Owner of three Negroes, which it obtained as a Preſent from the Director and Council. In 1664, "the City of *Amſterdam* did not bluſh to own Shares in a Slave Ship, to advance Money for the Outfits, and to participate in the Returns." But to the Credit of *New Netherland*, it is to be recorded that no Ship nor Merchant belonging to that Colony,

Bancroft's U. S., 1ſt Ed., II, 303.

had ever been engaged in the African Slave Trade. An Effort had, it is true, been made in *New Amsterdam* to embark in it, but the Project, fortunately for the Honor of the Country, fell through.

"Of a direct Voyage from *Guinea* to the Coast of the *United States* no Journal," says Mr. *Bancroft*, "is known to exist." The Papers now published will supply this Defect in some Degree; and the Journal of the Slaver *St. John*, though that Vessel was not destined for the Coast of *North America*, will give some Insight to the

History U. S., 3d Edition, III, 405.

Horrors of the Middle Paſſage. *One hundred* and *ninety-five* human Beings were crammed into the Hold of that Veſſel. Bad Food, ſhort Allowance, Want of Water, foul Air, and Bloody Flux, were the Attendants on the Paſſage; and as a Conſequence, *fifty-ſix* per cent of the wretched Beings periſhed on the Voyage. Of the Balance, only one Negro eventually accrued to the Benefit of the Dutch; for, as a retributive Fate willed it, a Privateer, or Pirate, ſwooped down in the Vicinity of *Curaçao*, plundered every thing, and carried off the

ſurviving Negroes "towards the Main."

No better Fortune awaited the Slaver, *The Arms of Amſterdam.* This Veſſel brought *One hundred* and *one* Slaves from *Angola,* but on her Voyage to *Curaçao,* was overhauled by ſome Engliſh Privateers among the Weſt India Iſlands, captured and carried into *Virginia.*

Curaçao was, under the Dutch, what *Barbadoes* was ſubſequently to the Engliſh—the Slave Emporium to which Guineamen brought their Cargoes of human Fleſh, to

be thence diſtributed throughout this Continent. And in the following Pages, the Reader will find ample Information regarding the active Trade in Slaves, which was carried on between that Iſland, *New Netherland*, and the Spaniſh Poſſeſſions on the Main previous to 1665.

(XXXa)

JOURNALS

OF THE

Voyages of the Slavers St. John and Arms of Amsterdam.

JOURNAL

OF THE

SLAVER ST. JOHN.

WE Weighed anchor, by order of the Honble Director, *Johan Valckenborch*, and the Honble Director *Jasper van Heussen*, to proceed on our Voyage from *Elmina* to *Rio Reael*, to trade for Slaves for the Honble Company. 1659. Mar. 4.

1659. Mar. 8. Saturday. Arrived with our ſhip before *Arda*, to take on board the Surgeon's mate and a Supply of Tamarinds for the Slaves; ſailed again next day on our Voyage to *Rio Reael.*

17. Arrived at *Rio Reael* in front of a village called *Bany* where we found the Company's Yacht, named the *Peace*, which was ſent out to aſſiſt us to trade for Slaves.

April. Nothing was done except to trade for Slaves.

May 6. One of our ſeamen died; his name was *Claes van Diemen*, of *Durgerdam.*

22. Again weighed Anchor and

ran out of *Rio Reael* accom- 1659.
panied by the Yacht *Peace*; May.
purchaſed there *two hundred* and *nineteen* head of Slaves, men, women, boys and girls, and proceeded on our courſe for the High land of *Amboſius*, for the purpoſe of procuring food there for the Slaves, as nothing was to be had at *Rio Reael*.

Monday. Arrived under the 26.
High land of *Amboſius* to look there for Victuals for the Slaves, and ſpent *ſeven* days there, but with difficulty obtained enough for the daily conſumption of the Slaves, ſo that

1659. May. we resolved to run to *Rio Cammerones* to see if any food could be had there for the Slaves.

June 5. Thursday. Arrived at the *Rio Commerones* and the Yacht *Peace* went up to look for provisions for the Slaves. This day died our cooper, named *Peter Claessen*, of *Amsterdam*.

29. Sunday. Again resolved to proceed on our Voyage, as but little food was to be had for the Slaves in consequence of the great Rains which fell every day, and because many of the Slaves were suffering from the Bloody Flux in con-

ſequence of the bad provisions we were ſupplied with at *El Mina*, amongſt which were ſeveral barrels of Groats, wholly unfit for uſe. 1659. June.

We then turned over to *Adriaen Blaes*, the Skipper, *One hundred* and *ninety* five Slaves, conſiſting of *Eighty one* Men, *One hundred* and *five* Women, *ſix* boys and *three* girls for which Bills of lading were ſigned and ſent, one by the Yacht *Peace* to *El Mina* with an account of, and receipts for, remaining Merchandize.

Arrived at *Cabo de Loop de Conſalvo* for wood and water. July 25.

1659. July 27. Our Surgeon, named *Martin de Lanoy*, died of the Bloody Flux.

Aug. 10. Arrived the Company's Ship *Raven* from *Caſtle St. George d'el Mina*, homeward bound.

11. Again reſolved to purſue our Voyage towards the Iſland of *Annebo*, in order to purchaſe there Supplies for the Slaves. We have lain *Sixty* days at *Cabo de Loop* hauling wood and water. Among the Water barrels, forty were taken to pieces to be refitted, as our Cooper died at *Rio Cammerones*, and we had no other perſon capable of repairing them.

Arrived at the Iſland *Annebo* where we purchaſed *One hundred* half tierces of little Beans, *twelve* Hogs, *five thouſand* Cocoa nuts, *five thouſand* Oranges, beſides ſome other ſtores. 1659. Aug. 15.

Again hoiſted Sail to proſecute our Voyage to the Iſland of *Curacao*. 17.

The Skipper called the Ships officers aft, and reſolved to run for the Iſland of *Tobago* and to procure Water there; otherwiſe we ſhould have periſhed for want of water, as many of our Water caſks had leaked dry. Sept. 21.

1659. Sept. 24. Friday. Arrived at the Iſland of *Tobago* and ſhipped Water there, alſo purchaſed ſome Bread, as our hands had had no ration for three weeks.

27. Again ſet ſail on our Voyage to the Iſland of *Curacao*, as before.

Nov. 2. Loſt our ſhip on the Rifts of *Rocus*, and all hands immediately took to the Boat, as there was no proſpect of ſaving the Slaves, for we muſt abandon the Ship in conſequence of the heavy Surf.

4. Arrived with the Boat at the Iſland of *Curacao*; the Honble Governor *Beck* ordered two

ſloops to take the Slaves off the wreck, one of which ſloops with *eighty four* ſlaves on board, was captured by a Privateer. 1659. Nov.

LIST OF THE SLAVES

Who died on board the Ship St. John *from* 30th *June to* 29th *October in the Year* 1659.

1659.	*Men.*	*Women.*	*Children.*
June 30	3	2	
July 1	2	1	
3		1	
5		2	1
6		1	
7	1		
8	2	1	
9	2		
10		2	
12		1	
13	2		1
14	1		

1659.	*Men.*	*Women.*	*Children.*
July 16	3	2	
17	2		
18	3	1	
19	1	3	
20	1		
21	1	1	
23		2	
24	1	1	
25	2	1	
26	1		
28	3		
29		2	
Aug. 2	2		
3	1		
6	1		
8	2		1
9		1	
11		1	
16	1 man leaped overboard.		
18	1		
20		1	
22		1	
23		1	

1659.	*Men.*	*Women.*	*Children.*
Aug. 24	1		
29		1	
31	1	1	
Sept. 3		1	
6	2		
7	1		
8	1	1	
13	1	1	
14	2	2	1
16	1		
19	1		
23		2	
24	1	3	
26		1	
Oct. 1	2		
3	1	1	
4		1	
10	1	2	
12	1		
13	1		
19		1	
23	1		
29	1		
	59	47	4

On the *firſt* of November, two hours before day, have we loſt the Ship *St. John*, upon the Reef of *Rocus* and fled with the Boat to the Iſland of *Curaçao*, and left in the Ship *eighty five* Slaves, including Men, Women, Boys and Girls, and arrived on the *fourth* of this inſtant at *Curaçao*. 1659. Nov. 1.

INFORMATION

Taken by Order of the Honble Director Matthias Beck *respecting the Capture of the Company's Negroes abandoned on board the Ship* St. John *on the Island of* Rocus, *and of the Company's Sloop which was sent to save them by the Honble Director* M. Beck *aforesaid.*

APPEARED *Jan van Gaelen* who was sent by the Hon. Director in the Company's Sloop, with the Skipper *Hans Marcussen Stuyve*, to aid

in ſaving the aforementioned Slaves, and having ſailed with the Skipper of the loſt Ship and ſome of his Crew, from the Port here on the *Seventh* of November towards evening, came on the following Saturday in ſight of *Bonaire*. When they were running towards the ſhore, they met an Engliſh Privateer or Rover whereof *Jan Pieterſen*, a native of Denmark, was Captain, who came off the land and had the weather-gage of them, and commanded them to ſtrike, threatening to fire if they did not obey. And this Deponent

coming on board the aforeſaid Privateer, was aſked, Whence came he and Whither was he bound? He anſwered, from *Curaçao* and was bound for *Bonaire*. Whereupon, the Captain of the Privateer aſked, What buſineſs had he there? Thereupon, Deponent anſwered, To look up the Company's People. He, then, ſaid, I am going with my Ship and remain you here on board and let the Veſſel go on. Which they did and came to *Bonaire*. Being in the Roadſtead with the aforeſaid Veſſel, on board of which were 5 or 6

of the Privateer's crew, one of the men of the wrecked Ship called out from the ſhore to thoſe of the Veſſel, as the Deponent hath afterwards underſtood, Did you bring along Skipper *Blaes*—to wit, the Skipper of the wrecked Ship—and have you been to *Rocus* to ſave the Negroes, who remained on board the Ship that lay ſtranded there? or, They ought firſt to go thither to ſave them. Whereupon the Privateers, who were in the bark, ſaid, addreſſing the Skipper of the wrecked Ship, Now, it is enough that we

know that you are the Skipper of the wrecked Ship; and about two hours afterwards, the Privateer came with his Ship, named the *Caſtle frigate*, carrying *four* guns and about *thirty* men, into the Roadſtead where the Veſſel lay at anchor. Then his Fellows who were on board the Company's bark or Veſſel, called out; Captain, We have a good Prize—mentioning the Ship wrecked at *Rocus*—and having berated the Deponent for not having told him of what had occurred, was anſwered, He was not bound to do ſo; and at the

ſame time requeſted and proteſted that he ſhould let him go in order that he may proſecute the Voyage he had been ſent on. Whereunto they were unwilling, but on the contrary, him detained by force, and on the following Sunday, diſpatched the Veſſel to *Little Curaçao* againſt his will where the aforeſaid Privateer had his Lieutenant with a party of his men and a Pirogue to watch, as they ſaid, the Company's veſſels.

On the morning of the following Monday, the aforeſaid Veſſel returned with the

Lieutenant and Crew, leaving their Pirogue, which they had taken from the Spaniards, on the coaſt of *Curaçao*, ſtill at Anchor at *Little Curaçao*, and towards evening ſet ſail, taking with them by force the Company's Veſſel on board of which he put his crew, leaving in it only Skipper *Hans* aforeſaid with two men; and then took along by force on board his Ship the Deponent with the reſt of the Crew of the Veſſel and ſome belonging to the ſtranded Ship and proceeded on their Voyage to the Coaſt of *Caraccas* where

coming, the Rover drove a Frigate aſhore which was underſtood to mount *ſix* guns, and with the Company's veſſel ſtranded a Spaniſh Pirogue, and afterwards proceeded to the little Iſland of *David*, where they came to an Anchor. Deponent having requeſted with the other men to be ſet on board their own Bark, they would conſent that the Deponent only ſhould go on board the bark or Veſſel. The Rover remained there at Anchor and diſpatched the Deponent with *fourteen* of ſaid Rover's crew in the Com-

pany's veſſel to *Rocus*, with orders to ſeize the Slaves as a good Prize, even though the Bark named the *Young Brindle Cow*, whereof *Jan Ryckartſen* was Skipper, which had been ſent thither by the Director to ſave the aforeſaid Slaves, might have them on board.

The abovementioned Bark had lain four days by the Wreck, and had made faſt a line to it in order to get the Negroes on board by that means and ſave them; but they could effect nothing through dread of the Negroes, and becauſe the hands on board the Bark

were too few. They, therefore, reſolved to await the arrival of the Veſſel whereof the aforeſaid *Hans Stuyve* was Skipper, in order thus to be ſtronger in hands, and by that means better able to bring the Negroes on board. Then, on arriving there, the Rover's fourteen men did, in the preſence of this Deponent, run aboard them with the veſſel, and attack and overpower them in a hoſtile manner, and took the boats of the Bark and the Sloop, all the Property of the Company, and with them hauled the Negroes off the

Wreck to the number of *eighty four* and having loaded the Bark the *Brindled Cow* with them, proceeded to *David's iſland* where lay the Rover, who took all the Negroes on board.

Meanwhile, remained the Sloop or Veſſel with the Deponent at *Rocus*, pretending ſtill an inclination to ſave ſomething, and came the day following, to *David's iſland* having ſaved ſome cooking Kettles and Cordage which alſo they took away to the Rover. When this was accompliſhed, the Deponent enquired if they

were ſatisfied and would permit him to depart with the aforeſaid Veſſel, or Company's Sloop. They anſwered, When they had hauled wood and water. Perſiſting in his requeſt, he at laſt obtained for anſwer, That the Sloop was of uſe to them and they would not reſtore it, and in caſe the Bark could be of ſervice to them, they would retain her likewiſe, and further, every thing belonging to the Company on the way to or from *Curaçao*. However, ſince ſhe is of no uſe, you can go in

her with all your folks and do'nt give much jaw, or you ſhall all march out naked, and do you go quietly on board and do not hoiſt a ſingle ſail until we are gone.

On the evening of the 23d. when he had ſailed, ſteering his courſe towards the Mainland, we took our departure and this day arrived here. And this he declares to have thus truly occurred, which if neceſſary he will confirm by oath; in preſence of *Theunis Lucaſſen* and *Peter de Leeuw*, as Witneſſes hereunto invited,

in *Fort Amſterdam* at *Curaçao*, the 25th *November* A° 1659.

(Signed)

JAN VAN GAELEN.

Witneſs

Theunis Lucaſſen,

Peter de Leeuw.

In my preſence,

NICOLAS HACK,

Secretary.

Appeared *Jan Rykartſen*, Skipper of the Company's Sloop, *The Young Brindled Cow*, and ſays, that he by order of the Honble Director, had gone to *Aruba*. When

there, received Inſtructions to proceed to *Rocus*, to ſave the Company's Slaves who were driven on ſhore there in the Ship *St. John*, coming from the Coaſt of *Guinea*. Theſe orders I immediately executed. On arriving there, I uſed every diligence to reach the Wreck and ſo far ſucceeded as to get a line on board, and then two Negroes came ſwimming to the Boat by whom the line had been paſſed on board. It afterwards broke looſe and in conſequence of bad weather, I could not go on board. I, therefore, reſolved to wait for

the Company's veſſel whereof *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve* was Skipper, who, I had been notified, would come to help to ſave the Slaves; the rather, becauſe my Crew being few in number ſtood, therefore, in fear of the Negroes.

On the 16th inſtant, arrived the Veſſel which attacked me in a hoſtile manner. Whereupon the Deponent demanded, What are you about? He ſaid, Shew your Sea brief which Deponent did. That, they ſaid, was well, and added, he might remain in their ſervice

as long as he pleaſed, which he refuſed, being bound to ſerve not them, but the Honble Director in the Company's ſervice upon which he was diſpatched. Nevertheleſs, he and his Crew were compelled to ſubmit, and they forcibly took away his Boat, and with it the Company's Slaves and the Boat of the aforeiaid Veſſel, on board his own Ship, and commanded him to accompany them to *David's iſland*, where lay the Rover, called the *Caſtle frigate*, the Captain whereof was *Jan Pieterſen*

of *Colding*,* in *Denmark*, to whom the men belonged who maſtered and captured the Company's Veſſel aforeſaid, and transferred the Slaves to the Ship. In the meanwhile, the aforeſaid Veſſel remained at *Rocus* with the Deponent's boat, in order, as they gave out, to ſave by their means, more Property, and they, indeed, brought off two more Slaves, ſome Elephants' teeth and other trifles, ſo that altogether they took 84 Slaves and

* A City in the S. E. Corner of the Province of North Jutland, near the Little Belt.

2 ſucking Children. They alſo took and carried off the aforeſaid Company's Veſſel whereof *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve* was Skipper, and told me, the Deponent, that even had I had ſaid Slaves on board the Bark on their arrival at *Rocus*, they ſhould have taken them away by force, and declared them good prize, becauſe I had no Commiſſion, but only a Sea brief. And the Deponent ſays, that they offered him money for the ſervice they had received from his Bark and Crew; this he refuſed to take, as ſuch ſervice was rendered

under compulſion, for he owed them no obedience and could not receive any thing for compulſory ſervice. The Deponent alſo ſays, that he hath given the Captain a note that he had received nothing from them, and likewiſe that the Captain of the aforeſaid Rover had ſent the Deponent on board, though the Crew of the aforeſaid *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve's* Bark, belonging to the Company, had remained with him, and ordered me not to ſail before he had departed, which was on the evening of the 23d of No-

vember, he ſteering towards the Coaſt, and we to this place where we arrived this date. And this he declares to be true and, if needs be, will confirm the ſame by oath. *Curaçao* in *Fort Amſterdam* the 25th *November* A° 1659.

(Signed)

JAN RICKERTSEN.

Witneſs.

Ghyſbert de Roſa

Peter de Leeuw

In preſence of me

NICOLAS HACK,

Secretary.

1748502

Appeared *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve*, Skipper of the Company's Veſſel, and declared: On the 7th of November I ſailed hence by order of the Honble Director for *Rocus*, there to ſave the Company's Slaves and other property from the Ship *St. John* coming there from *Guinea*. On the following day, arrived off *Bonaire* with the aforeſaid Bark, and met an Engliſh Privateer, or Rover, who having the wind of us obliged us to ſtrike. We then launched our Boat in which *Jan van Gaelen*

went on board of him with two other hands, whom they detained, and ſent my Boat back with men to take poſſeſſion of my Bark which they did and carried us againſt our will to *Bonaire*, where being come, they put more hands on board and ſent this Deponent from there to *Little Curaçao* to fetch the Privateer's Lieutenant and ſome men thence, out of a Pirogue which they had taken from the Spaniards on the Coaſt of *Caraccas* and was ſtationed there to watch the Company's Veſſels going in and out.

Being come there, they came over in our Veſſel and abandoned the Pirogue leaving her riding at anchor. Thus they returned to *Bonaire*, where the Rover rode at anchor, and being come there, they ſet ſail altogether, notwithſtanding every Proteſt againſt the injuſtice they did us, towards the Coaſt of *Caraccas* where they drove a Spaniſh Ship aſhore, whilſt we with our Sloop chaſed a Pirogue aſhore. Steering thence back we came to *Little David's iſland* where the Rover caſt anchor, and having put more

men on board of us, compelled us to go to *Rocus* to ſave the Slaves from the wrecked Ship, and if they were already ſaved by the Company's Bark, whereof *Jan Ryckartſen* was Skipper, to capture and remove them by force. On arriving there, we found the Bark, which we immediately boarded and took by force, removing all the Slaves which had already been ſaved. But although they had been there *four* days before us, they were unable to effect any thing as the line they had ſent on board the Wreck, had again

broke loofe and they could not afterwards approach the Wreck in confequence of the violent wind. Only *two* Negro men came by fwimming on board of him; furthermore, finding themfelves too weak, they waited for our coming in order, being thus ftronger, to return and fave the Slaves &c, weather permitting. Boarding then the Bark, fhe was overpowered, as ftated, by force. Then taking their Shallop with ours, the Rover's crew, defpite our Protefts that we could not affift them, much lefs allow them to ufe our Vef-

ſel, ſaved and brought on board the aforeſaid Bark of Skipper *Jan Ryckertſen*, *Eighty two* Slaves and *two* Sucklings and ſteered away with them to *David's iſland*, where ſaid Rover lay at anchor with his Veſſel named the *Caſtle frigate*, the Captain whereof was *Jan Pieterſen* of *Denmark*, and compelled us to remain with our Bark at *Rocus*, with the little Sloop of *Jan Ryckertſen* aforeſaid, to ſave, as they ſaid, ſome other Articles, which they did, namely, *eight* or *nine* little elephants' Teeth, *two* cooking Kettles, ſome tin Ware and

Cordage, and proceeded therewith to *David's island*, where the aforesaid Rover removed every thing from the said Company's Vessels, and compelled us to remain until he had hauled Wood and Water. Nay, he would pay the Deponent for his trouble and the use of the Vessels and Sloop, which he would not accept, giving for answer, That they were sent out not on this, but the Company's service by the Honble Director *Matthias Beck*, and that force and violence had been employed against them. Whereupon the

Captain of the Rover was greatly irritated, and carried off the Deponent's Veſſel, notwithſtanding he had more than three times exhibited to him his Commiſſion which the Honble Director had given him, acknowledging even that the Commiſſion was valid and that he was a Free man, and had nothing to ſay againſt him. All which notwithſtanding, he afterwards carried off my Veſſel with him, ſaying, He had need of it, and made me vacate it with my Men, permitting us only to take our Clothing, and then put us on

board *Jan Ryckertſen's* Bark. The Deponent further ſaith, that he was compelled per force to ſign a Note, not knowing its contents, for it was written in Engliſh, and this Deponent does not underſtand the Engliſh language. And having been ordered not to ſail before the Rover left, which was on the evening of the 23d *November* inſtant, ſteering his courſe towards the Main, we, with the aforeſaid Bark of *Jan Ryckertſen* leaving behind one of our Sailors named *Jacob Pieterſen* of *Belcom*, who voluntarily remained with them, ſteered to-

wards this Harbor, where we arrived in ſafety this day. And this he declares to be true and will confirm the ſame if needs be, by oath; in preſence of *Ghyſbert de Roſa* and *Peter de Leeuw* as witneſſes hereunto invited. *Curaçao* in *Fort Amſterdam* the 25th *November* A° 1659.

(Signed)

This is the mark of Skipper

HANS MARCUSSEN STUYVE

Witneſs Ghyſbert de Roſa

Peter de Leeuw

In preſence of me

NICOLAES HAEK, *Secretary.*

Appeared *Adriaen Blaes van der Veer*, and ſaith, that he was commanded by *Johan Valckenburch* General of *El Mina* and the *Gold Coaſt*, on the 4th of *March* laſt to ſail as Skipper of the Ship *St. John*, from the Roadſtead of the *Caſtle del Mina* aforeſaid, with Commiſſary *Johan Froon* and the accompanying Sailors, in the Company's ſervice, to the *Calabari* or *Rio Real*, there to trade for Slaves and to proceed with them, by order of the aforeſaid General, to this place. In obedience to theſe

orders, *Two hundred* and *nineteen* Slaves big and little, were actually traded and purchaſed, wherewith we ſailed in order to proiecute our Voyage and carry out our Inſtructions. Not obtaining at the *Calabari* ſuch ſufficiency of proviſions as this Voyage demanded, for the ſuſtenance of the aforeſaid Slaves, we reſolved to go to the Highland of *Amboſius* where we were unable to procure any Proviſions, as was our deſire. We, therefore went to the River *Camerones*, where we obtained a few Articles, but not as much as we wanted.

Nevertheleſs, we purſued our Voyage towards *Capo de Lopo Gonſalves*, at which place we took in Wood and Water, and thence ſtood acroſs although experiencing great miſery and want of food, to *Anabo*, where we got ſome Proviſions and went on our Voyage and made land in the month of *October* laſt at the Iſland of *Tobago*, the greater portion of the Slaves having died from Want and Sickneſs, in conſequence of ſuch a very long Voyage, ſo that we ſaved only *Ninety* Slaves, out of the whole Cargo. Having taken in wood and

water and a few Refreſhments from the ſurrounding Iſlands, we ſet ſail and aſter we fixed our courſe on the *firſt* inſtant, weſt by ſouth, we ran aſhore, two hours before day, on one of the Rifts of *Rocus*, on the North Eaſt ſide of the Iſland. Perceiving our danger, we ſaved ourſelves with all the Crew in the Boat, leaving the Negroes in the Ship, taking our courſe to this place, in order to inform the Honble Director *M. Beck* of our Miſfortune. After we had left ſome of the men at *Bonayre*, becauſe the Boat was too

heavily laden with the Crew, we arrived here on the *fourth* inſtant. Having reported ourſelves to the aforeſaid Honble Director, he diſpatched me with the above Boat to *Aruba*, whither the Company's Veſſels had ſailed, the day before, on the Company's buſineſs, with orders to proceed in ſaid Veſſels with five of my men, and *Jan van Gaelen*, the Company's ſervant. Arriving there on the following day, we went over in the Company's Veſſel, whereof *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve* was Skipper, with *Jan van Gaelen*, and two of my

Crew, and the other three of my men in the Bark, called *The Young Brindled Cow*, of which *Jan Ryckertſen* was Skipper, all in the ſervice of the Company.

We purſued our Voyage without any miſhap, purſuant to the orders we had received from the aforeſaid Honble Director here, and ſo on to *Rocus*, to ſave the Slaves and Ship's property, and having ſailed on the evening of the *ſeventh* after remaining half an hour here, we arrived in the afternoon of the following day off *Bonayre* where we met an

Engliſh Privateer, who having the wind of us, overtook us and compelling us to ſtrike and to ſend off a Boat, the aforeſaid *Jan van Gaelen* went on board him, who told him, we came from *Curaçao* and were going to *Bonayre*. Thereupon, the ſaid Privateer diſpatched in our Boat, in which *Jan van Gaelen* whom he detained, had gone to his Ship, on board our Veſſel a party of his men to ſearch for Pieces of Eight which, they ſaid, we had. Then not finding any, as we had none, they forced us to run with them

up the Roadſtead of *Bonayre*, where we arrived about *two* hours before the Privateer. Some of my Men who were on ſhore, not knowing any thing of theſe proceedings, called out, If I were on board? The Privateer's men taking up the word before me, aſked, Who? Thereupon they anſwered, The Skipper of the Ship wrecked at *Rocus*, adding, Had we been to the Slaves, or were we going to ſave them? The Privateers anſwered, That they were going to ſave them; manifeſting great joy thereat, ſaying, when the Privateer

caſt anchor, Captain, we have a good Prize. Thereupon they forced the Deponent to go on board the Rover which was a ſmall Frigate, carrying *four* guns, and about *thirty* men, whereof *Jan Pieterſen*, a native of *Denmark*, was Captain. This Veſſel was called *The Caſtle frigate*. Coming on board, the Captain enquired, How many Negroes he had left on his Ship? Deponent anſwered, *Eighty*. When he heard that, he ſent the Veſſel in which the Deponent came, to *Little Curaçao*, to bring his Lieutenant and ſome of his

men, who were lying there in a Periauger, which they had taken from the Spaniards, to watch the Company's Veſſels. Meanwhile this Deponent remained on board the Rover, and they returning to us in the Roadſtead of *Bonayre*, the Rover permitted this Deponent to go back to the Bark, on board of which ſtill were, Skipper *Hans Marcuſſen* aforeſaid, with one of his hands, who had been compelled to go to *Little Curaçao* to fetch his Lieutenant and men. To this Veſſel I came, as ſtated, from the aforeſaid Rover with two of

my Crew, being then in all *five* ſervants of the Company on ſaid Company's Veſſel. The Captain of the Rover having then placed his Lieutenant and Pilot, with ſome of his hands, on board the Bark, we ſet ſail under compulſion, leaving *Jan van Gaelen* and ſome of our men behind, whom the Rover retained by force on board his Ship, not heeding any proteſts or requeſts as free men, which they themſelves admitted us to be, having cognizance of the Commiſſion granted by the Honble Director to the afore-

ſaid *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve*, as Skipper of the aforeſaid Veſſel, and that therefore, they uſed force and violence towards us who were not in any manner in their ſervice, but indeed in that of the Company, to whom alone we owed Obedience, and that for the purpoſe of executing the orders of the Honble Director, to which end and to no other, were we ſent out. All this notwithſtanding, were we compelled to accompany the aforeſaid Rover who ſet ſail at the ſame time, taking his courſe towards the Main land of *Ca-*

raccas where he drove on ſhore a Spaniſh Ship mounting *ſix* guns, and with our Bark, in our preſence and before Deponent's face, drove a Spaniſh Periauger aſhore. Thence they and the Rover forced us to croſs over and caſt anchor under *Little David's iſland*, and having put more people in our Bark, until ſhe numbered in all fourteen men, whilſt he remained there at Anchor, we ſet ſail for *Rocus*.

On arriving at that place, we found the other of the Company's Veſſels, named *The Young Brindled Cow*, whereof

Jan Ryckertſen aforeſaid was Skipper, with three of my men on board, who accompanied him to *Aruba*, out of my Boat. They went thither, as already ſtated, by command of the aforeſaid Honble Director, alſo with orders to no other intent than to ſave the aforeſaid Slaves &c, and had lain there four Days and had ſo far ſucceeded as to paſs a line on board my Ship, two of the Negroes coming on board ſwimming. The aforeſaid line breaking looſe, and finding themſelves too weak in conſequence of the ſtrong

wind, the Men reſolved to wait our arrival, having been informed of our approach, ſo as, when thus reinforced and the Weather would moderate, to ſave with our Sloop and Boat the aforeſaid ſurviving Slaves &c. from my Ship which alſo belonged to the Company. Then they, the Rover's men, who were on board our Bark, ſuppoſing that the aforeſaid Skipper *Jan Ryckertſen* with his Crew and my three men had ſaved all, coming to them went on board with our Bark, according to the orders they had to that effect, from their

Captain, who had been informed of the departure of the aforesaid Company's Bark and the purport for which we were sent out, by a Frieslander named *Jacob Petersen* from *Belcom*, a Sailor in the Company's service, under Skipper *Hans Marcussen Stuyve*, who had voluntarily deserted to them on the same day that we came on board the Rover. Which orders were to board them, to see if they had saved the Slaves &c. and to seize and remove them. They accordingly did attack them in a hostile manner in the pre-

ſence of the Deponent and four other of the Company's Servants who could not refrain from remonſtrating againſt the injuſtice which they demonſtrated they were doing. Finding that no more than the two aforeſaid Slaves had been ſaved, they took away, per force our Boat together with *Jan Ryckertſen's* Boat, all the property of the Company appertaining to the aforeſaid Veſſels, and with them, the weather moderating ſomewhat, removed the Slaves from my Ship, making uſe for that purpoſe of one of my Matroſſes named

Martin Michielſen van Hulſt, who was on board *Jan Ryckertſen's* Bark aforeſaid. By his aſſiſtance, for the Negroes knew him and called him by name, the aforeſaid *Jan Ryckertſen* got the line on board, and in like manner accompanied one of the Rovers at the time all the Slaves &c. were on board, and then came again ſwimming on board the Lieutenant of the Rover with *two* of his men, who then numbered *four*, having again brought a rope on board from the Company's Veſſel by which they let all

the Negroes who were capable of ſwimming, ſwim off to the Rift, whilſt they brought thoſe who could not ſwim in a Boat belonging to the aforeſaid Veſſels, to the ſame Rift, and having meanwhile made the other Boat dry inſide the Rift, they brought in her on board the aforeſaid *Jan Ryckertſen's* Bark, *eighty two* Slaves and *two* Sucklings. And this Deponent having, before they removed any of the Slaves, requeſted of the Lieutenant and his men belonging to the Rover, permiſſion to go with his aforeſaid Matroſs, he was

unwilling to grant it until ſome of the Slaves had been removed out of the Ship, ſo that when this Deponent went on board his Ship there remained on board no more than about *thirty* Slaves. After all the Negroes had been removed from his Ship, this Deponent was conveyed to *Jan Ryckertſen's* Bark, with the Inſtructions which General *Johan Valckenburgh* had given him, together with all the Papers and Accounts of the ſaid Commiſſary, relating to his freight and other buſineſs matters, done purſuant to the Compa-

ny's orders. Then the Depopent was conveyed by them with the aforesaid Bark and Negroes, to *David's island*, where the Rover lay at anchor waiting for us, leaving behind them the Vessel whereof *Jan Marcussen Stuyve* is Skipper, to save *two* Negroes whom the Deponent had left on board when he quit the Ship. That Vessel joined them the next day at *David's island*, bringing along the *two* aforesaid Slaves, some Kettles, Rope and about 70 pounds of Elephants' teeth, also some Flags, Compasses and other articles. The Rover

having removed the Slaves and every thing elſe out of the Company's Veſſels, took from the Deponent the Inſtructions given him by the General, with all the Commiſſary's Papers, notwithſtanding the proteſts and requeſts to the contrary, giving the Deponent for anſwer, that all belonged to him. He, moreover, commanded them to remain by him until he had hauled Wood and Water, and afterwards took *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve's* Veſſel, ſaying he required her. He then made the Deponent remain on board *Jan Ryckert-*

ſen's Bark, compelling him to make room for ſaid *Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve* with all his Crew and ſome of the Deponent's men. Then he ordered them not to ſail for this Place until he had taken his departure, which was on the 23d inſtant, ſteering his courſe towards the Main. And this Deponent with his Crew and that of the Company's Bark, took their courſe with the aforeſaid *Jan Ryckertſen's* Bark, to this Place where they arrived in ſafety on the 25th inſtant.

This he declares to be the truth, and to have thus oc-

curred, and will if needs be, confirm the ſame on oath, in preſence of Mr *Gyſbert de Roſa* and *Peter de Leeuw*, witneſſes hereunto invited. *Curaçao* in *Fort Amſterdam* the 27th *November* A° 1659.

(Signed)

ADRIAEN BLAES.

Witneſſes.

Ghyſbert de Roſa
Peter de Leeuw

In my preſence

NICOLAES HAEK,
Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

MATTHIAS BECK, *in the ſervice of their High Mightineſſes the Lords States General of the free* United Netherlands *and of the Hon*[ble] *General Incorporated Weſt India Company, Governor over the* Curaçao *Iſlands*, GREETING:

BE *it known*, that one *Jan Pieterſen* of *Coling* in *Denmark*, ſtyling himſelf Commander of a Ship called *The Caſtle Frigate*, having with him ſome Engliſhmen, French-

men and Dutchmen, who are cruiſing with him on this Coaſt in the Ship aforeſaid, hath dared to attack the Company's Veſſels near *Bonayre* and *Rocus*, and forcibly to take poſſeſſion thereof, and with them and the Company's Men to take by force, among others, *eighty four* healthy Negroes out of the Company's Ship, called *The St. John*, coming from the Coaſt of *Guinea*, which was wrecked on the Rifts of *Rocus*, where one of the aforeſaid Company's Ships was already engaged in ſaving ſaid Negroes for the Company,

whoſe Property they were, with all that was in the Ship, to bring them here to *Curaçao*, for which purpoſe they were expreſſly ſent hence thither; Regardleſs whereof, the aforeſaid *Jan Pieterſen* hath not only prevented the Company's Veſſels executing their Inſtructions and Orders, but hath made himſelf Maſter of ſaid Veſſels, and with them and Boats, ſtole not only the ſaid Negroes and every thing elſe, but in addition thereto carried off one of the Company's beſt ſailing Veſſels called *The Young Oſtrich*, to the great damage

of the Honble Company, and appropriated the ſame to himſelf as good booty, ſo as all is to be ſeen by the Informations, Relations, Reports and Delarations of the Skipper and Crews of the Veſſels aforeſaid.

And *Whereas* the aforeſaid *Jan Pieterſen* and his Men have heretofore committed ſimilar acts under irregular Commiſſion and perſiſt in the ſame courſe, eſpecially as public Pirates, by the ſeizure of the Company's Veſſel and Negroes, and have threatened to continue ſo to do; And *Whereas* among others, one of

the Company's Matroſſes named *Jan Pieterſen* of *Belcom*, a Frieſlander, being in our actual ſervice, having ſailed as Matroſs on board the Company's ſtyger ſchuit, *The Young Brindled Cow*, hath voluntarily gone over to this Pirate, diſregarding the Allegiance, Plight and Oath, whereby he was bound to the Company, but on the contrary, as appears by Information, hath acted and is ſtill acting, as a Spy for theſe Pirates; All which and what precedes are matters of very ill conſequence, of ſerious

damage and moment to the Honble General Incorporated Weſt India Company, who will not fail to expreſs their higheſt Indignation on this ſubject, and endeavor by all ways and means, not only to make good and to procure an indemnity for their damages and loſſes already ſuffered by the ſtealing of their Veſſel and Negroes, ſo illegally purloined from them, but above all, to procure that ſuch Rovers ſhall be puniſhed as Pirates and Robbers, according to their deſerts, as an Example to others.

To this end, therefore, with the advice of Our Council, upon the certain Proofs and Reports to Us rendered, We, being unwilling to lose any time in overhauling the said Sea Robbers, have Resolved and concluded, in the Name and on the Behalf of the Lords Principals, their High Mightinesses the Lords States General, and the Honble General Incorporated West India Company, for their protection and the Public Good, hereby to warn all the Company's Captains, and Ships as well as Private Skippers and Ships

and Veſſels at preſent lying or about to come, within this Harbor, who owe allegiance to their High Mightineſſes the Lords States General and are in the ſervice of the Honble General Incorporated Weſt India Company not only to be on their guard againſt the aforeſaid Pirates and Sea Robbers, but ſhould they meet them at Sea, them to attack, openly and with force and arms, and bring them in here to *Curaçao*, or if they fall in with them at any of the *Leeward Iſlands*, to complain of them to the Governors and

Magiſtrates at ſuch place where they happen to find them, according to the Proofs thereof in exiſtence, and to procure that ſuch Juſtice may be inflicted upon them as the Informations ſhall juſtify. Requeſting all Generals, Governors and Commanders both on Sea and on Land, to whom theſe Our Letters for the execution of the premiſes ſhall be ſhown, to adminiſter good Law and Juſtice to them. Such will We reciprocate on like Occaſion. Thus done and enacted on the Iſland *Curaçao* in *Fort Amſterdam* the 5th *December*, A° 1659.

Vice Director BECK *to the* WEST INDIA COMPANY, *Chamber at Amsterdam.*

Curaçao, 5 January, 1660.

Honorable, Respected, Wise, Prudent and most Discreet Sirs,

Gentlemen,

BY the Ships *King Solomon* and *St. John* 3d September, was my last to your Honors, to which I refer.

* * * * * * * * * *

I despatch these few lines at present by the bearers hereof, the Commissary and

Skipper of the Ship *St. John*, who coming from the Coaſt of *Guinea* with Negroes were wrecked on *Rocus* on the Voyage hither, leaving behind them ſome *Eighty* living Slaves, beſides many and a greater number of dead ones who were ſtarved on the way for want of food. Your Honors will pleaſe ſee in the accompanying Papers what diligence I have uſed to ſave thoſe living; alſo, how the Sea Rovers, of whom I heretofore adviſed you, have carried off not only the Negroes, but alſo the beſt of the Company's Barks, as appears

by the ſaid Papers, to which and to the verbal Report of the aforeſaid Commiſſary and Skipper I, for brevity ſake, refer.

With ſubmiſſion to your Honors, it would in my opinion not be unadviſable if a ſuitable well fitted Veſſel or Yacht could be obtained, carrying half a dozen guns. She could be employed in bringing Horſes from *Aruba* to *Bonayre* and this place, many of which are now bitten to death by the Rattleſnakes there, and on ſuch occurring occaſions be manned with hands ſufficient

to overhaul ſuch Sea Rovers, and uſed for various other purpoſes.

As it is in the higheſt degree neceſſary to look after the Sea Rovers, in order at leaſt to impreſs them with the fear of approaching ſo near us, I have chartered a ſmall private Boat, mounting *ſix* guns, ſtrongly manned and double armed to look up the aforeſaid Sea Robbers at the place where, we preſume, they are ſojourning, in the hope of obtaining not only ſome advantage over them, but if we ſhould catch the Ringleaders,

of having ſuch puniſhment inflicted on them as would ſerve as an example to others. Herein we ſhall not fail in our duty.

Director BECK *to Director* STUYVESANT.

Curaçao, 4. *February*, 1660.

Sir,

MY laſt dated 23 Auguſt and 10th September were ſent your Honor by the Ship *Sphera Mundi* as per copies annexed, to which I refer. Since then, I have had none of yours to acknowledge. Therefore this ſhall be the ſhorter, the rather as I tranſmit encloſed to you open the accompanying deſpatch to our Lords Maſters, in order that

you may, yourſelf, be able to ſee from it what tranſpired here, and having taken cognizance thereof to ſeal and ſend it by the firſt ſailing Ship to Amſterdam to the Lords Maſters.

As your Honor will be able to glean from the Informations and Papers incloſed therein, what ſort of Sea- Rovers here have taken the Company's Negroes and Bark, among which viſitors was alſo to be found one *Pickled Herring*, who formerly went privateering with Captain *Beaulieuw*, and now and then makes his

appearance in your Honor's jurisdiction in *New Netherland*, and possibly some of the Ringleaders of them may land there, we wish, in such case, that they were made known to you, to the end that you may cause such Justice to be administered to them as they deserve.

If your Honor have an opportunity of writing to *Jamaica*, where I partly understand these Rovers have arrived, and where they have no Counter party and can make such Representation as they please to the General

there, your Vigilance might effect a great deal of good by tranſmitting a Letter on the ſubject to him, which ſhall alſo be done here when an opportunity offers.

* * * * * * * * * *

I greatly deſired that the Ships expected with Negroes had arrived, in order to enable me to ſend your Honor ſome luſty fellows, but none have come up to this date, although looked for every day. We muſt poſtpone doing ſo until the next opportunity, God willing.

(87) - (88)

JOURNAL

OF THE SLAVER

The Arms of Amsterdam

AND

HER CAPTURE.

JOURNAL

OF THE SLAVER

The Arms of Amsterdam,

AND

HER CAPTURE.

PAULUS *Heyn Ridder* from *Staden*, aged about 51 years, Pilot of the Ship the *Arms of Amsterdam*, and *Leendert Jacques van Cuelen*, born at *Amsterdam*, aged about 26 years, Assistant Commissary, who arrived here yesterday from *Virginia*, in Mr. *Foscom's* Bark,

appeared at the Meeting of the Director General and Council of *New Netherland*, and made known and declared as followeth:

That they, the Deponents, ſet ſail from the *Caſtle del Mina* on the 21ſt *February* laſt in the ſervice and for the account of the Honble Incorporated Weſt India Company, Chamber at Amſterdam, in the Ship the *Arms of Amſterdam*, at which time *Jan Gerritſen Nuchteren*, who died on the paſſage on the , was Skipper, with orders and command from the Honble Ge-

neral *Jan Valckenburgh* to repair to *Loango* in *Angola*, to take in a cargo of Slaves there, and convey them to the Iſland of *Curaçao*.

April 15. Having arrived at *Loango* and taken on board 101 head of Slaves there for account of the abovementioned Company,

On the 28th of ſaid month, again ſet ſail for *Curaçao*.

June 20. Sighted *Curaçao*, but could not reach ſaid Iſland in conſequence of the ſtrong Current and ſtiff Eaſt wind. Having vainly endeavored, during three days and three

nights, to laveer, and Water beginning to get very low, we were neceſſitated to change our courſe, and thus

July 2, came to the Salt ground of *Cayman*, which is one of the Cayman Iſlands, where, whilſt engaged in taking Water and ſome Turtle on board, on

July 6, about noon, *five* Ships came to anchor there; *four* with Engliſh flags and one under Portuguese colors, which laſt, called the *Maria* of *London*, whereof one *Robert Douwneman* was Captain, after ſhe had taken ſome hands on board from the other Ships,

immediately weighed anchor again, and came down on the Deponent's Ship, calling out, "Strike for the King of Portugal;" and at once, without giving time to ſtrike, fired a ſhotted Cannon and a diſcharge of Muſketry killing two Negroes dead, and wounding one Dutchman. After having thus fired, came ſtraight on board, ſeized the Ship and Negroes, forced the Crew to go to the Ship aforeſaid and plundered every thing. The Captains of the four Engliſh Ships abovementioned, one of whom was called Captain *Gey*

and another, Captain *Brommert*, got ſome of the Negroes becauſe they had furniſhed him men, but the Deponents do not know how many. After they had lain there ſome days, ſaid Captain having firſt diſmantled his own Frigate ſet her on fire, and

July 18, ſailed thence with the aforeſaid Ship, *The Arms of Amſterdam*, having enliſted ſome of the Sailors, giving out that he intended to ſail to *Montſerrat* in the Caribbean Iſlands, but as the Ship was a poor Sailer, and Water was ſhort, he ſet ſail for *Virginia* and arrived

September 10, in the Bay there.

September 19, arrived at *Elizabeth's river*, whence the Deponent went to *Nancimon*.

October 6, departed thence for this place in Mr. *Foſcom's* Bark, and arrived here yeſterday.

All which they declared to be true and truthful. In teſtimony whereof theſe preſents are ſigned by them in *Fort Amſterdam* in *New Netherland*, the 13th *October* A° 1663.

FINIS.

(97) - (98)

APPENDIX.

N

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

RELATIVE TO

The Slave Trade

UNDER THE DUTCH.

Directors at Amsterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

* * * * *

[1646.] HAVING obſerved that more Negroes could be profitably traded off there than were carried thither in the Ship *Tamandare*, we ſhall pay attention that for the future more Negroes ſhall be conveyed thither.

Bill of Sale of a Negro.

BEFORE me *Cornelis Van Tienhoven*, Secretary of *New Netherland*, appeared *Fredrick Lubberſen*, who declared to have ſold unto *Richard Lord*, a Negro named *Anthony*, which Negro, he the Grantor hereby conveys and tranſports in right ownerſhip to the abovenamed *Richard Lord*, who ſhall be at liberty to uſe the ſaid Negro during his life, at all ſuch work, as he, *Richard Lord*, ſhall think proper. He *Fredrick Lubberſen* declares from this day forward to deſiſt from all property in the ſaid Negro. In teſtimony whereof theſe preſents are ſigned by *Fredrick Lubberſen* and witneſs hereunto invited, 28th 9ber 1646.

FRERICK LUBBERTSEN.

To my knowledge,
CORNELIS VAN TIENHOVEN, *Secretary.*
ADRIAEN VAN TIENHOVEN, *Witneſs.*

Directors at Amsterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

EFFORTS are just now making at the *Hague* before their High Mightinesses to effect a general Reform in all the Colonial possessions of this Company, and *New Netherland* also was remembered on that occasion. It has been already provisionally resolved that all Colonists of that Country shall be empowered to export their products of Flour, Fish, Beef, Pork, Peas, Beans, &c., in their own, or in chartered Ships to *Brasil*, and *Angola;* that said Ships may again take freight from *Brasil* to this Country, but that those who have completed their trade in *Angola* shall be at liberty to convey Negroes back home to be employed in the cultivation of

their lands. By this reſolution Your Honor will obſerve that we ourſelves are at liberty to ſend a Ship with all ſorts of Proviſions to *Angola* and to convey Negroes back in return. Therefore pleaſe to embrace this opportunity as quickly as poſſible with the Proviſions which you ſay you will have remaining.

Amſterdam, 7th April, 1648.

Directors at Amſterdam to the Commonalty at the Manhattans.

* * * * *

AND in order that you may be the more fully aſſured of our good intention, we do hereby conſent that the Commonalty yonder ſhall have liberty to repair to the

Coaſt of *Angola* and *Africa*, and tranſport thence as many Negroes as they will make uſe of for the cultivation of their Lands, on the Conditions and regulations which are ſent herewith to the Director.

* * * * *

Amſterdam, 4*th April*, 1652.

Directors at Amſterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

* * * * *

WE have by contract given and granted to ſome private Merchants permiſſion empowering them to repair to the Coaſt of *Africa* to trade for Slaves there, and to carry and convey them to the *Weſt Indies* and the Iſlands ſituate thereabout, and as we expect that the aforeſaid

Ships or ſome of them will go to *New Netherland* to ſell their Slaves alſo to the Inhabitants there, in ſuch caſe we deſire and requeſt that Your Honor will not demand any Duties from them, but lend them all reaſonable Aſſiſtance, in order to the removal of every obſtacle which might prove a hinderance to Agriculture. This for your information and notification.*

* * * * *

Amſterdam, this 6th June, 1653.

* Note by Dr. Vanderkemp.—Here are reported unqueſtionable Facts that the *Dutch* were the chief Supporters of the Slave Trade, ſtamping their Seal on the Declaration of one of the Magiſtrates of *Amſterdam* to Prince *Frederick,* "that he would ſend a Cargo to *Hell* at the Riſk of ſingeing his Sails if he were ſure of a proſperous Voyage."

Resolution of the Assembly of the XIX.

Monday, 15 *September*, 1653.

THE Committee appointed for this purpose reports with regard to the Ninth Article relative to Privateering, as the result of their deliberations, that the Regulation of the year 1646 on this subject ought to remain in force, but in order to encourage Individuals, in this critical conjuncture, to equip Vessels to annoy the Enemy, it might be permitted, besides lowering the duties granted in 1652, that the following alterations be provisionally adopted:

* * * * *

5.

The Negroes coming in prizes from beyond the Seas, and nothing

elſe, may be exported, with the conſent of the Government in *Brazil*, to all ſuch places as the intereſted may deem proper.

6.

The duties which the Company receives from all prize goods brought in and mentioned in the aforeſaid rule, Negroes included, ſhall be reduced to *ten* per cent, and no more.

Directors at Amſterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

* * * * *

26. AFTER cloſing and diſpatching the duplicate hereof which goes by the Ship *The Black Eagle*, we have on the Petition of ſome private Merchants, viz., *Jan*

Sweerts and *Dirck Pieterſen Wittepaert*, and in order to promote Population and Agriculture there, conſented and allowed that they may go with their Ship the *Wittepaert* to the Coaſt of *Africa*, and having trafficked for Slaves there, convey the ſame to *New Netherland* to be ſold to the Inhabitants there, provided that of the Goods and returns proceeding from ſaid Slaves, and which ſhall be brought back in the abovementioned Ship, there ſhall be paid to the Company the lawful Duties fixed thereon, or otherwiſe the ordinary Tonnage duty according to the regulation enacted at the Coaſt of *Africa*, at the Company's option, as appears by the annexed extract of Reſolutions adopted on the 19th of this month.

* * * * *

Amſterdam, 23*d November*, 1654.

Resolution of the Amsterdam Chamber of the West India Company.

No. 26.

Thursday, the 19th November, 1654.

MR. *Jan de Sweerts* and *Dirck Pietersen Wittepaert* appeared before the Assembly, and requested permission to proceed hence with their Ship the *Witte paert*, to the Coast of *Africa* for Slaves, and to dispose of these in *New Netherland*, on payment of the ordinary Tonnage, or the Duty fixed therefor. Question being put, considerable discussion ensued, and as it was understood that such would tend to the increase of Population and advancement of said Place, the

ſame was conſented to, on condition that the Company ſhall have the option, on the arrival of ſaid Ship, which muſt come in here, to collect the proper Duties of the Goods which ſhe is to bring with her, or the ordinary Tonnage duty, according to the Regulation enacted on the Coaſt of *Africa*, with which the abovementioned Meſſrs *Jan de Sweerts* and *Dirck Pieterſen Wittepaert* are ſatisfied.

Ordinance impoſing a Duty on Exported Slaves.

Friday, 6. *Auguſt*, 1655.

WHEREAS the Director General and Council of *New Netherland* find that the Negroes

lately arrived here from the Bight of *Guinea* in the Ship *Witte Paert*, have been tranſported and carried hence without the Honble Company or the Inhabitants of this Province having derived any Revenue or benefit therefrom, the Director General and Council have reſolved and concluded that there ſhall be paid at the General Treaſury 10 per cent of the value or purchaſe money of the Negroes who ſhall be carried away or exported from here elſewhere beyond the Juriſdiction of *New Netherland*. Dated as above.

P. Stuyvesant,
Nicasius de Sille,
La Montagne.

Resolution of the Director General and Council of New Netherland.

Tuesday, 24th August, 1655.

THE Petition of *Edmund Scharburgh* being read, requesting permission to depart from this place to Virginia with his Vessel and some Negroes he has purchased, this Apostile was given:

The Request is granted, on condition that the Petitioner give bail in the sum of five thousand Pounds sterling, not to enter the South Bay or River, and that his Crew promise under Oath not go there, nor communicate any intelligence by Sea or Land to any person whomsoever.*

* Referring to the Expedition against the Swedes, on the Delaware River, then about to sail.

Resolution of the Chamber at Amsterdam.

Monday, 3d. April, 1656.

IT being represented that a Ship, with the consent of the Directors of *Medenblick*, depending on the Chamber of *West Friesland* and *The North Quarter*, has sailed to the Coast of *Africa* for Slaves, with intention to sell them at the Island of *Curaçao*,* or to trade them on the Main, it is resolved to oppose the aforesaid sale or barter, and to write to Vice Director *Beck* there, to detain the aforesaid Ship and Slaves and to proceed therewith so and in

* *Curaçao* was exclusively under the Direction of the Chamber at *Amsterdam*, and it may be inferred from the above that the exclusive Control of the Dutch Slave Trade was also vested in that Chamber.

ſuch manner as he ſhall find conſiſtent with law.

Vice Director Beck *to the Directors at Amſterdam.*

Curaçao, 11. *June*, 1657.

Honorable, Reſpected, Wiſe, Prudent and moſt Diſcreet Gentlemen.

Gentlemen,

MY laſt to your Honors was by way of the *Caribbean Iſlands*, which I hope has been received long ere this. Since then ſafely arrived here the Freight-boat with thoſe who were commiſſioned and ſent for purpoſes explained in our previous diſpatch, from this place, to the *Caraquas*, the principal Capital of the Main, lying neareſt this

Iſland, bringing with them the written Anſwer of the Governor of ſaid locality, who, as repreſented, was favorably inclined to what was propoſed to him in our letter, yet dared not manifeſt ſuch in public, becauſe, as he alleges, of the Limits agreed upon and concluded in the Articles or Treaty of Peace between his Royal Majeſty of *Spain* and their High Mightineſſes the Lords States General. The original Letter received from there, mentioned above, goes herewith, together with the Relation and Verbal Report of the diſpoſition in which our two Commiſſioners, who were ſent thither, found them. Nevertheleſs, in order to avoid ſuſpicion and arreſt, and on account of ſome Ships lying there, they did not find it expedient to deliver the principal and ſeparate Memorial entruſted to

them to the Governor and Chief Authorities of that place, the rather as no occaſion or opportunity preſented itſelf; for they had not been further than the beach in the Harbor and under the Fortreſs, whence they had been again diſpatched without having been invited to *Caraquas*, the Capital. They were, however, by order and command of the Governor of *Caraquas* courteouſly entertained by the chief officers of the Fortreſs and place, of the Village and Harbor where they lay and were offered every thing they ſtood in need of for the proſecution of their Voyage to *Euſtatius*. They report that they have had many inquiries and ſolicitations for goods, ſuch as Silks, Linens and Hats, but they excuſed themſelves; trade to their Coaſts, Harbors and Territories not being permitted, they dared not

bring any thing with them. But on the other hand, if they had an opportunity, and would pleaſe to come to *Curaçao*, to purchaſe Negroes and Merchandize, they would be welcome there and accommodated to their ſatisfaction either for Specie, Hides, Tobacco or other commodities ſaleable in Europe. They had communicated to divers individuals the ſeparate Memorial with which they had been entruſted, and had, according to opportunity, divulged it to them as amply and fully as was in their power, and ſtimulated ſome thereby to ſuch a degree as to create hope that ſome time or other it will produce fruit. Your Honors can inform yourſelves more fully on the ſubject by reference to the Reports and Documents ſent herewith.

A certain Biſcayan, an inhabitant

of *Caraquas* had, among others, an interview with our Commiſſioners and gave them to underſtand that he had a new Veſſel on the ſtocks there with which he was intending at an early day to make a Voyage along the Main from *Caraquas* hitherward, to certain little Iſlands lying in the neighborhood of, and oppoſite *Bonayre*, near the Main, to catch Turtle, and expected to be engaged there three weeks. It was his intention, according to circumſtances, to take with him, as a venture, ſome Tobacco, Hides and other wares, in order, ſhould people come there to trade with him and bring along ſuch goods as would be of uſe to him, that he would have payment ready for them, and alſo have a better opportunity to converſe about other trade.

With a view, therefore, to en-

courage thoſe people more and more in our favor, I reſolved, upon the abovementioned Report, by advice of and after communication with the adjoined Council here, to ſend one of the Company's Sloops, with a ſmall cargo of ſuch things as we could obtain here, as a venture thither. I found ſaid Biſcayan faithful to his propoſal and promiſe, only he was prevented bringing any Hides or Tobacco with him, by being obliged, by the Governor of *Caraquas*, to convey ſome perſons for the King to *Porto Cabelho*, and in order not to create any evil ſuſpicion in their minds, he dared not on this occaſion bring any thing with him in his Bark except a little rough Copper or *Slacken* which he exchanged for the ſmall cargo he beſpoke from our people, and further made a Propoſal and even

wrote a Letter to me with his own hand, the original whereof is annexed, to purchaſe the Company's Negroes, that is, all that are here at preſent, on the following conditions, to wit; That the Company ſhall have a Ship with their own Crew here ready for the Negroes to embark in, and when reſolved to accept his offer, to let him know by thoſe recently with him, at the place deſignated by him, when he will without loſs of time, repair in perſon to this harbor, and enter into an Agreement and terms for what articles and at what price the Negroes ſhall be delivered at the place where he hopes to bring them in ſafety and without danger; and that he will not receive any Negroes before payment for them ſhall be made on board the Ship, and he or his partner ſhall remain on board

the Ship, with the Negroes until the Conditions and Agreement which will be made here, ſhall be fully carried out.

He reports that the place to which he ſays he will convey them is on the North ſide of *Cuba*, where the (Spaniſh) Nation has no Fortreſs nor means to prevent the project or to diſturb them; alſo that he will leave his own Couſin, who is likewiſe related to the friends to whom he will convey the Negroes, here at *Curaçao* as a Hoſtage and ſecurity, until it be manifeſt that he ſhall have performed in good faith all he has promiſed; as more fully appears by the annexed Relation and report of Cornet *Balthazar Van Eſs* and *Johan Rombouts* on the ſubject. He has requeſted an anſwer to this, for his information. I therefore wiſh your Honors' early

Inſtructions hereupon, as to what I ſhall do, or omit in this matter, and that in the meanwhile I may receive a ſupply of proviſions ſufficient for the Negroes to enable me to wait for him.

* * * * *

I have received the Agreement and Condition which Your Honors have concluded with Mr. *Henricus Matthias*, merchant of *Amſterdam*, reſpecting the Negroes. On looking and reading it over, I find it very favorable for that gentleman, wherefore my impreſſion is that your Honors' intention in concluding it is to begin and introduce the trade here. I ſhall not be wanting, God willing, in obeying and executing your Honors' orders and Inſtructions in this regard faithfully and to my beſt ability. Meanwhile, ſhould it happen that

Mr. *Henricus Matthias's* expected Ship did not arrive here, as it has not yet done, I ſhall expect your further order and anſwer whether we ſhall dare to proceed or not with the Negroes on the aforeſaid Biſcayan's preſented propoſals extended as above. In the ſtrong hope and expectation that we ſhall be able to open a trade with our neareſt neighbors, I ſhall purchaſe on your Honors' account a ſmall cargo from Skipper *Simon Corneliſſen Gilde*, ſo that they may at leaſt find ſomething on coming here; and our Veſſels on paſſing near *Bonayre* may adviſe the Biſcayan and the other Inhabitant already mentioned, what goods can be purchaſed here on arriving, taking a ſample along to ſhow them, ſhould occaſion preſent, and, at the ſame time, inform the Biſcayan that

I have not received any orders to allow Negroes to leave the Iſland until payment for them has been made, and that I ſhall let him have, within four months after date, a fuller and more explicit anſwer which I hope I ſhall receive from your Honors in the meantime.

I am confident that on theſe Conditions he would readily give *Two hundred* pieces of Eight for a merchantable Negro or Negreſs, one with another, whilſt he gave us to underſtand, that the price of Hides would be *Eighteen* ſhillings.

Vice Director Beck *to the Directors at Amsterdam.*

Curaçao, 28. *July*, 1657.

Gentlemen.

* * * * *

AS I advised your Honors in my last, I dispatched the Freight-boat to the appointed and prefixed place—a certain small Island near the Main—to the Biscayan and sent him word on the subject of his trading for Negroes, as I had informed your Honors more at large in my last. Whereupon he resolved to visit this place in person, in our aforesaid Freight-boat (*Stygerschuit*). He was accompanied by a certain *Padre*, named Friar *Francis* to purchase a few parcels of merchandize with one or two little Negro Girls.

I alſo ſold to the abovenamed Biſcayan, a ſmall Negro Boy with a few goods, for which he had brought with him ſome Hides and Tobacco in our aforeſaid Boat; theſe are ſent herewith as a ſpecimen by the Ship *Oſtrich*, the price of the Hides being *Fifteen* ſhillings each and of the Tobacco *Six* pieces of Eight the Arobe of *Twenty five* Pounds. I have ſold to the aforeſaid *Padre* Friar *Francis*, goods to the amount of *Four hundred* pieces of Eight and *two* little Negro Girls, all at a fair and reaſonable price, in order to encourage and ſtimulate them to come to theſe Ports to trade, which I think is greatly for the Company's intereſt. Wherefore, I let the *Padre* have the *two* little Negro Girls @ *One hundred* and *fifty* pieces of Eight each, which together amounts to *Three hundred* pieces of Eight,

and to the aforesaid Biscayan a little Boy @ *One hundred* and *twenty* pieces of Eight. The Merchandizes which I sold them were purchased from the bearer hereof, *Simon Corneliſſen Gilde*, Skipper of the Ship *Oſtrich*, expreſſly for this purpose on your Honors' account before their arrival, in order that our nearest Neighbors on coming here may at least on such occasion find something for the asking, until your Honors might send such cargoes as the case requires, as I have partly explained in my last.

Although the abovementioned *Padre*, Friar F*rancis*, did not bring with him any payment for what he purchased, yet could I not let him go away empty handed, as it was the first time, in consequence of the conversation and verbal Agreement entered into with our Commissary

and Skipper of the Freight-boat before his arrival here—that is, to let them return to the appointed place with what they had purchaſed, on condition that they ſhould not land, much leſs receive poſſeſſion of what has not been paid for here, until they have made payment therefor to the Commiſſary and Skipper of the aforeſaid freight Boat, in good and ſufficient Hides.

* * * * *

With regard to the trade in Negroes, the aforeſaid Biſcayan, now here, hath given me ſuch explanations and further information on that point, that we can come to no other concluſion than that a good and favorable reſult is to be expected from it. He hath communicated to me the moſt direct and ſhorteſt route, how and in what manner not only a ſhipload of

Negroes, but ſucceſſively a cargo of good ſaleable Merchandize beſides could be traded off. Were a Ship with neceſſaries in the harbor here, he is willing on receiving notice thereof at the appointed place, to come here and enter into ſuch agreement with the Company from which as he firmly believes, he and the Company would derive great advantage.

The place the Negroes ſhould be conveyed to is called *Porto Velo*, the ſtaple place of trade. Permiſſion can be obtained to diſpoſe of the cargo freely there on paying *One hundred* and *thirteen* pieces of Eight for each Negro, which is the Royalty. But ſuch permiſſion is not given except to perſons of their own Nation; but it can be obtained under the pretext that they had chartered a Dutch Ship and

Crew to fetch and bring over the Negroes, and that the Negroes and Merchandize in the Ship are the property of their Nation.

Such is the manner in which the aforeſaid Biſcayan would contract for and purchaſe Negroes from the Company on the following Conditions: That he, or his companion, with five or ſix more of their Nation, ſhall embark at their own expenſe with the Company's Skipper, Commiſſary, Crew and Matroſſes in the Ship lying ready to ſail and proſecute with them their Voyage to *Porto Velo*, and after receiving a permit there from the Governor, ſell the Negroes which they know they can ſell immediately after their arrival at ſuch a high price that the outlay of the aforeſaid Royalty in order to obtain the Permit, may be eaſily repaid. Therefore, they

will undertake this themſelves, and pay to the Company, after ſafe arrival there, for each Negro and Negreſs between *Eighteen* and *thirty* years of age, *Two hundred* Reals or Pieces of Eight, in Silver bars or pieces of Eight; further they will be able to obtain there a proper permit to trade then to other places, to load the Ship with ſuch cargo and freight as the countries ſupply and are moſt profitable to the country. In like manner, the price for the Goods being agreed upon and arranged here, the payment there for them ſhall be made in the ſame manner as for the Negroes, but the riſk of the Sea and the expenſes of the Negroes, until they arrive at the above place, muſt be borne by the Company, but when arrived there, they will be reſponſible for them. For the full per-

formance of the Conditions which ſhall be made here on the part of the Company, the aforeſaid Biſcayan offers to ſtake his life, and even to remain here in perſon in the Fort, or to leave another reſponſible perſon here in cuſtody of the Company at the riſk of his life, if any fraud is, or has been intended or deſigned. And it is further conditioned that the Negroes in their minority, as well as old and deformed ones, muſt be diſpoſed of at a ſpecial and lower price. On theſe terms he is reſolved, at all times from now henceforth, whenever a Ship with Negroes will be ready here, at the time and place to be named where advice is to be ſent him, to come hither and with God's merciful help faithfully to perform whatever is abovementioned.

The other Plan or propoſal mentioned in my laſt, to run the Negroes

in at the north ſide of *Cuba*, is not, he ſays, ſo feaſible as this.

* * * * *

Charter of the Ship Eyckenboom for a Voyage to Africa and New Netherland.

IN the Name of the Lord, Amen. In the year of the birth of Our Lord and Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*, 1659, the 25th of *January*, before me *Henrick Schaeff*, admitted by the Court of *Holland* a Notary Public reſiding in *Amſterdam*, and the underſigned witneſſes, in their own perſons came and appeared Meſſieurs *Edward Man* and *Abraham Wilmerdoncx*, Directors of the Incorporated Weſt India Company at the Chamber here in *Amſterdam*

hereunto authorized by the Board of their Aſſociates, as charterers on the one part, and Skipper *Jan Janſen Eyckenboom* of *Hoorn*, Maſter under God, of his Ship named the *Eyckenboom*, long 1cxx, wide xxv and one half, hold xi and one half, over it five and one half and ſix feet, with a half deck and forecaſtle on either ſide, and the aforeſaid parties declared and do hereby declare to have made and concluded together a certain Contract for a charter of ſaid Ship, in the form and manner hereinafter deſcribed, To wit:

That the aforeſaid Skipper ſhall be bound immediately to deliver his aforeſaid Ship here in the City fitted out, tight, well caulked, and provided with good and ſufficient anchors, cordage, tackle, ſails, running and ſtanding rigging and all

other neceſſaries and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and the ſame to mount with *Ten* good pieces of Cannon, with the requiſite powder and ſhot and other ammunition in proportion, but the neceſſary conſumption of powder and ſhot aforeſaid ſhall be made good by the Company, which ſhall alſo put on board ſaid Ship in addition to the *Ten* pieces aforeſaid as many other guns as they pleaſe and can conveniently place, and ſhall provide and pay the expence of the powder and ſhot therefor, on condition that in the neceſſary conſumption thereof, the aforeſaid Skipper ſhall bear the contingent of his Ship aforeſaid; that further, ſaid Company ſhall man ſaid Ship with ſuch and ſo many hands and provide them with ſuch ſtores as ſaid Company will pleaſe and think proper. Which

being done on the one ſide and the other, the aforeſaid Ship ſhall on the part of ſaid Company, be laden with a full and ſuitable cargo, or to ſuch extent as ſaid Company ſhall think proper; being laden with all ſuch goods, wares and merchandizes as they will determine, the aforeſaid Ship ſhall, with the firſt fair wind and weather that God will grant, be diſpatched and ſail from this country direct to the Coaſt of *Africa* and run along ſaid Coaſt from above downward, or from *Cape Verd* down, and touch, trade, lie and remain at all trading poſts and ports, according to the pleaſure of ſaid Company and their Commiſſary, unto the Caſtle *St. George d'el Mina*, where they ſhall receive or find orders from the Company's Director General and Council or ſhall be furniſhed with them on

ſailing hence; And ſail towards the Bight of *Guinea* and touch and trade at all other places lying therein according to the order which ſhall be given him by the Director General or here; from thence proceed further to the Iſlands of *Curaçao*, *Bonaire*, and *Aruba* in the *Weſt Indies*, and alſo to *New Netherland*, and all round every where elſe the Company, or its Miniſters, ſhall determine and order, and likewiſe at all ſaid quarters and places trade and traffic Goods, Wares and Merchandizes and alſo take in people, load and unload at the pleaſure of the aforeſaid Company or its Miniſters; And to that end ſail to and from, run hither and thither, anchor, lie, load and unload at ſaid Coaſts, Quarters and Places as often and as frequently and ſo long as the ſervice of the Company ſuch ſhall

demand; Furthermore, return and come thence to this city *Amſterdam* or the deſtined port of diſcharge, and on her ſafe return and arrival, there diſcharge and deliver to the aforeſaid Company her laden return cargo and goods. Which done, there ſhall be paid to him the Skipper for the contracted freight, every month, the ſum of *Eight hundred* guilders of xx ſtivers each, on condition that the Company is bound for the term of *Six* ſucceſſive months or longer, to be calculated according to the length of time, all current months according to the Almanac, to run and commence when the Ship ſhall, in the proſecution of the Voyage, reach the Sea outſide the laſt buoy of the *Texel*, and to expire when ſhe ſhall arrive and caſt anchor before this city of *Amſterdam* or her deſtined

port of diſcharge, payable xiiii days @ three weeks after the aforeſaid diſcharge here, beſides average and pilotage according to the cuſtom of the Sea, and over and above alſo Hat money for the abovenamed Skipper at the Company's diſcretion. And ſaid Skipper, with and beſides the Company's Crew, ſhall alſo make the Voyage with the aforeſaid Ship in order to look to ſaid Ship, her appurtenances, &c., making uſe of the Company's ſtores, but the monthly pay or wages not being at its charge; And he ſhall be, over and above, ſubject to the orders and inſtructions, articles and other rules of the Company during the Voyage, no more nor leſs than if he had been ſworn to obſerve the ſame, they being taken as inſerted herein, and eſpecially alſo in regard to particular or private forbidden

trading, in ſhipping or conveyance of particular or private goods, merchandizes or wares, on pain according to the aforeſaid Articles, Orders and Inſtructions of the ſaid Company. The abovementioned Directors, parties hereunto, pledging for the payment of the aforeſaid contracted monthly or freight moneys, average and pilotage, their private perſons and property, and the aforeſaid Skipper, ſpecially, alſo his perſon, Ship, appurtenances and contracted freight moneys, and generally all his other property, real and perſonal, preſent and to come without any exception, ſubmitting the ſame to the Court of *Holland* and all laws and judges, all aboveboard. Done at *Amſterdam* in the preſence of *Cryn van Seventer* and *Marten Hegervelt*, free citizens (*poorters*) here, witneſſes hereunto invited.

Bill of Lading of Negroes.

I, *Jan Pieterſen* of *Dockum*, Skipper under God of my Ship named the *Spera Mundi*, now lying ready before *Curaçao*, with the firſt fair wind which God ſhall vouchſafe, to ſail to *New Netherland*, where my correct unloading ſhall take place, acknowledge that I have received under the deck of my aforeſaid Ship, from you *Frans Bruyn*, to wit, *Five* Negroes, whereof one is a Negreſs, all dry and well conditioned, and marked with the annexed mark. All which I promiſe to deliver (if God grant me a ſafe Voyage) with my aforeſaid Ship at *N. Netherland* aforeſaid, to the Honble Director General *Petrus Stuyveſant*, or his Factor or Depu-

ties, on payment for the freight of the above deſcribed goods, at the diſcretion of the ſaid Director General, and for the performance hereof, I bind myſelf, and all my goods and my aforeſaid Ship and appurtenances. In witneſs of the truth, I have ſigned three Copies hereof with my name, all of the ſame tenor, the one being ſatisfied, the others to be void. Written at *Curaçao* the 24th day of *Auguſt*, Anno 1659.

JAN PIETERS GROS
of *Dockum*.

Vice Director Beck *to Director* Stuyvesant.

Curaçao, Auguſt, 1659.

Honorable, Valiant, Wiſe, Prudent and moſt Diſcreet Sir.

Sir,

I NOW tranſmit to your Honor duplicates of what I have already ſent by the Galiot *New Amſtel*, Skipper *Auguſtinus Heermans*, and it will be very agreeable to me if I may be informed by the earlieſt opportunity of their ſpeedy and ſafe arrival. I would not forego the preſent favorable occaſion and opportunity of the Ship *Spera Mundi*, *Jan Pieterſen* Skipper, to acquaint you of the circumſtances of this Iſland up to the preſent time (God

be praiſed!) in regard to the Commerce with our neareſt Neighbors. Hitherto there have not been imported as many goods as the demand requires, and eſpecially the trade in Negroes at this place which the Company hath reſerved to itſelf, or elſe all are ſold.

There are lying here, at preſent, two Ships ready to ſail hence for Fatherland, which occupy my whole time, ſo that I have not much leiſure to write to your Honor at length. The one is the Company's Ship called the *King Solomon*, which arrived here on the 2d of July from *Guinea*, with *Three hundred* and *thirty one* Slaves. Of theſe I have ſold 300 @ *One hundred* and *fifty* pieces of Eight each, to a certain Spaniſh trader whom I am daily expecting to come here and receive them, which I wiſh may occur

before the departure of the aforesaid two Ships in order to be able to transmit the proceeds to the Lords Masters.

Franck Bruyn purchased out of the aforesaid lot of Negroes for your Honor, *Two* Boys and a Girl who go over in this Ship. I have done every thing possible to protect them against the cold. *Franck Bruyn* hath also purchased *Two* for Commissary *Van Brugh*, who likewise go by this conveyance on said Commissary's account. Your Honor will please to have such payment collected therefor from said *Van Brugh* for the Company, as you will consider just. Commissary *Laurens van Ruyven* hath also purchased *Two* young Negroes here for account of his brother the Secretary of your Province, at the same price as the lot sold for here, viz., *One*

hundred and *fifty* Patacoons.* I am ſtill in daily expectation of a Ship with Negroes. I wiſh they were come, even were they a thouſand head. I expect the abovementioned merchant here, as already ſtated, to take away thoſe of the *King Solomon*. He is well able and will eagerly buy the whole lot at once.

I have received orders from the Lords Maſters to ſend your Honor againſt the Spring, ſome *fifteen or ſixteen* Negroes whom I could have eaſily diſpatched now, but we have no coarſe cloth to clothe them, and are fearful that they will not be able to endure the Winter there. As Negroes will be plenty here in future, I thought it beſt, according to orders, to poſtpone ſending them

* A Spaniſh Coin of the Value of $1.04.

until the Spring, when I ſhall be ſending a young Negro Girl for Mr. *Auguſtinus Heermans* according to his requeſt. Meanwhile, I hope to receive for my inſtruction, your Honor's advice and order as to whether you will require any more Negroes than the above, and of what age and in what numbers you wiſh them ſent.

* * * * *

1659. December 26, Director *Stuyveſant* writing to the Directors at *Holland* ſays:

"The Negroes purchaſed at *Curaçao* for *fl* 140 @ 150 and paid for, cannot be ſold here (at *New Amſterdam*) again at that price, either in Beaver or Tobacco, ſo that all the expences of going and returning are entirely loſt."

Vice Director BECK *to the Directors of the West India Company.*

Curaçao, 4th Feb., 1660.

Noble, Honorable, Respected, Wise, Prudent and most Discreet Gentlemen.

Gentlemen,

MY last to your Honors, dated 5. January, as per copy enclosed, was by the Ship *Gideon*, Skipper *Simon Cornelissen* by way of the *Caribbean Islands.*

* * * * *

You will learn from my last letters, and from the annexed papers sent again herewith, the fate of the Ship *St. John*, which was due here from *Guinea* with Negroes, and

which according to your Honors' orders was to replace the Ship *Diemen* here. What cauſes us moſt grief here is, that your Honors have thereby loſt ſuch a fine lot of Negroes and ſuch a faſt ſailing Bark which has been our right arm here.*

Although I have ſtrained every nerve to overtake the Robbers of the Negroes and Bark, as ſtated in my laſt, yet have I not been as ſucceſsful as I wiſhed. I ſhall communicate the particulars to your Honors, God willing, by the Ship *St. George*, which is about to ſail direct from hence this month. If no remedy can be found to prevent ſuch Robberies, and villainous crimes as the carrying away of the Company's Slaves and Bark, and no proſecution and redreſs follow, they will not

* See Journal and Papers in firſt Part of this Volume.

only perſiſt therein, but even ſtrike terror into the Spaniſh merchants who come here to trade.

Incloſed herein goes a Minute of what I have proviſionally judged neceſſary, with the advice of the Council, to be done againſt them. Copy thereof has been furniſhed to *Simon Corneliſſe Gilde*, to be uſed by him, according to circumſtances. And although my zeal be hearty and ſincere to purſue ſuch Robbers, and as much as poſſible, to repair and make good your Honors' loſſes, yet have I been ſcrupulous, as I did not wiſh to do too much or too little. Therefore do I reſpectfully ſolicit your Honors to ſupply me herein with ſuch orders, ample advice and power, that I may ſet to work and execute them unſcrupulouſly againſt ſimilar and ſuch like Robbers, when occaſion offers,

ſo that others may take example therefrom. Had we had here a faſt ſailing Yacht of fourteen guns, manned in proportion, we might, without doubt, have overtaken and again recovered by force or with good right, the aforeſaid Negroes and Bark, and it grieves us that we for want thereof could not carry out our good intentions.

We regret exceedingly that ſuch Rovers ſhould have been the cauſe of the ill ſucceſs of the zeal we feel to attract the Spaniſh traders hither for your Honors' benefit, by previous notices and otherwiſe, for the augmentation of Commerce and the ſale of the Negroes which are to come here more and more in your Honors' Ships and for your account. What is lawfully done by Engliſh Ships with regular orders and Commiſſion againſt their Enemies, even

the Spaniſh Nation, and not againſt us, we muſt tolerate; but when moſt of the damage is inflicted without lawful order and Commiſſion, not only on the Spaniſh Nation, but even on ourſelves, it ought not to be tolerated, and ſhould, by all ways and means, be driven from the Sea.

I have witneſſed with pleaſure your Honors' diligence in providing us here from time to time with Negroes. That will be the only bait to allure hither the Spaniſh Nation, as well from the Main as from other parts, to carry on trade of any importance. But the more ſubtly and quietly the trade to and on this Iſland can be carried on, the better will it be for this place and yours.

* * * * *

Inaſmuch as Mr. *Gyſbert de Roſa*, who is with me, is authorized by the private perſons intereſted in the Ship *Hope* to apply to the Governor of the *Havana*, by whom we underſtand the Rover has been arreſted, and to that end have ſent to me ſuch papers, letters and proofs as may ſerve for the recovery of ſaid Ship and cargo, nevertheleſs up to this time have we had no opportunity to effect the work according to our good inclination, except that Mr. *Gyſbert de Rooſa* has recently ſent his Yacht, *The Young St. Paul*, with a cargo to *St. Jago de Cuba*, by which we wrote conjointly a letter to the Governor at *Havanna* to be ſent to him overland from *Cuba*, to give ſaid Governor ſome premonition, until a more favorable opportunity ſhall preſent itſelf to

carry out your Honors' intentions and thoſe of the private friends who are intereſted.

I firſt received the contract entered into by your Honors with Meſſrs *Hector Pieterſen* and *Guillaume Momma*, by the Ships *Gideon* and *Love*, after the Negroes that had come by the Ship *King Solomon* had all been ſold, and although the Ship *Eyckenboom* has not yet arrived, two Spaniſh Veſſels with a Yacht from *Cadiz* have caſt anchor in this port on the 2d January. They are come purſuant to expreſs orders to the Captain of the aforeſaid Veſſel *Pedro Sorilho* by name, for the purpoſe of taking away thoſe Negroes, according to contract; and Skipper *Ewout Janſen* has exhibited thoſe orders to me, and this gave me to underſtand, that in caſe they ſhould leave here without Negroes, the whole

object of their Voyage would be thereby fruſtrated, and they ſhould in conſequence ſuffer exceſſive damages. I found myſelf, therefore, obliged to ſolicit as well the freemen as the Company's ſervants, to loan from their Plantations to the Company as many Negroes as they could poſſibly ſpare, under the promiſe that good ſtout Negroes ſhould be returned in their ſtead, out of the firſt lot which would come for the Company. In this way, what with the *Cape Verde* Negroes, and thoſe of the Company and of private individuals, I have collected together with great trouble *Sixty two* head. As there were among them ſome old and ſome young, *two* were deducted for them, as appears by the original Receipt tranſmitted herewith. They have accordingly paid me here for *Forty ſix* head, as

per contract, @ *One hundred* and *twenty* pieces of Eight, amounting to *Five thousand, five hundred* and *twenty* pieces of Eight, leaving *Fourteen* head of Negroes, for which the aforesaid Messrs *Hector Pietersen* and *Guillaume Momma* are to pay your Honors in *Holland*, as is more fully set forth in the receipt to which for brevity sake I refer.

* * * * *

The aforesaid Captain, highly gratified and contented, sailed from here with his two Ships on the 15th January for *Porto Bello*, as he informed me.

* * * * *

I received by the Ship *Gideon*, from *Cape Verde* only *Twenty eight* Slaves, old and young, as appears by the receipt delivered to the Skipper. In consequence of their condition and age, they are not

worth ſo much as the Negroes lately brought by the *King Solomon*. But I have ſince been informed that if a handſome lot of Negroes could, when opportunity offers, be imported from that place, thoſe would proportionably advance in price.

What your Honors recommend to me in regard to Privateers, that they ſhall not be allowed to come here or hereabouts, I have fully communicated to our oppoſite Neighbors,* and to the Spaniſh Nation in other places. Few Privateers will come into our harbor, becauſe they know that they are ſuſpected here, unleſs they come into port in numbers under one pretence or another, to ſee if they cannot obtain ſome advantage over us for purpoſes of plunder, as the Rovers

* That is in *Venezuela* and the Spaniſh Main. Ed.

have indeed threatened us. Though well on our guard here againſt them, yet muſt our defence depend on human hands in ſuch circumſtances. The reinforcement your Honors have now ſent in the Ship *Love* is not ſufficient to oppoſe a great force, becauſe, on the other hand, as many of the old Soldiers, whoſe time is expired, are going away as nearly balance the reinforcement juſt arrived.

With ſo few men we cannot reſiſt any evil diſpoſed Spaniards, if they ſhould have any bad deſign in their heads, and be as ſtrong as the two Ships which lately arrived here in our Harbor with full *Two hundred* and *fifty* hands. The ſame holds good in regard to the French and Engliſh Privateers, who heretofore have viſited our Harbor, and we place as little confidence in the

one as in the other. The Spaniards ſeeing that we are ſo weak, can get up one pretext or another, eſpecially thoſe who come from *Spain*, who look on this trade with a jealous eye. For, ſome Merchants who arrived in this port with the aforeſaid two Ships, have, as I am informed, alleged here to one and another, that the Trade which we carry on here with the Spaniſh Nation on the Coaſt or elſewhere, would not be permitted in *Spain*, and ſuch a prohibition would be iſſued that no Spaniard belonging to any place would dare to come hither for the purpoſe of trade. On the other hand, I have underſtood from the Captain himſelf, that they are confident the Trade here will flouriſh more and more, and he hoped that his Ship, the *St. Catharine*, would return here

in four months with *Three* to *Four thouſand* pieces of Eight to purchaſe Negroes and Merchandize. This was confirmed to me by the Dutch Skipper *Ewout Janſen*, in caſe they arrive ſafe at *Porto Bello*. The Spaniſh Frigates which have been previouſly here, and trade to *New Spain*, have alſo told me the ſame thing, and ſaid that they came yearly from *New Spain* up to *Caraccas*, with conſiderable caſh to trade there for Cocoa and Merchandize, and that they then would ſeek a pretext to touch, on their way from *Caraccas*, here to purchaſe Negroes and ſtock goods.

Receipt of PEDRO DIEZ TROXXILLA *for Slaves.*

I, UNDERWRITTEN, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Honble *Mathias Beck*, Governor over the *Curaçao* Iſlands, *Sixty two* Slaves, old and young, in fulfillment and performance of the Contract concluded on the 26th June, A° 1659, by Meſſ^rs *Hector Pieters* and *Guilliamme Momma*, with the Lords Directors at the Chamber at *Amſterdam*; and as the Negroes by the Ship *King Solomon*, were diſpoſed of, long before the arrival of the underſigned, and the Ship *Eyckenboom*, mentioned in the aforeſaid Contract, has not arrived at this date, the ſaid Governor has furniſhed me, the underſigned, with the abovementioned *Sixty two*

Slaves, and on account of the old and young which are among the aforesaid Negroes, has allowed a deduction of *two* Negroes, so that there remain *Sixty* head in the clear, for which I, the undersigned, have here according to Contract, paid to the Governor aforesaid for *Forty six* head, @ *One hundred* and *twenty* pieces of Eight, amounting to *Five thousand, five hundred* and *twenty* pieces of Eight. Whereas, *Fourteen* Negroes remain still to be paid for, according to Contract in *Holland* by Messrs *Hector Pieters* and *Guillame Momma* in *Amsterdam*, to Messrs the Directors aforesaid, on presentation of this my receipt, to which end three of the same tenor are executed and signed in the presence of two undersigned trustworthy witnesses, whereof the one being satisfied the others are to be

void. *Curaçao* in Fort *Amſterdam*, the 11th *January*, A° 1660. It being underſtood that the above *Fourteen* Negroes, to be paid for in *Amſterdam*, ſhall not be charged higher than according to Contract @ *Two hundred* and *eighty* Guilders each, amounting together to *Three thouſand*, *nine hundred* and *twenty* Carolus Guilders. Dated as above.

PEDRO DIEZ TROXXILLA,
EWOUT JANSEN.

Witneſſes,

NICOLAES HAECK,
L. V. RUYVEN.

Director STUYVESANT *to Vice Director* BECK.

Amsterdam in *New Netherland*, 17 *February*, 1660.

* * * * *

FOUR Negro Boys and *one* Negro Girl have, as you advised, been sent to, and received by me ꝑ the Ship *Sphera Mundi;* 3 on mine and 2 on Commissary *Van Brugge*'s account, their price being left to our discretion. Upon this subject I must say, that the assignment sent to me by *Frans Bruyn* is unsigned. However, in order to avoid any difficulty, I left this time the choice to the Commissary who took the Negro Girl and one of the stoutest Boys. But greater difficulties have arisen in this wise:

One of the *Five* died on the paſſage hither; ſome were ſick or have become ſo after arriving. To prevent any miſunderſtanding in future, the ſold Negroes ought to be conſigned to the purchaſer by their names or marks.

As regards the price which was left to our diſcretion, in order to prevent any ſuſpicion of ſelf intereſtedneſs, I wiſh your Honor to inform me after the others have been ſold, what price they brought.

I have obſerved by your deſpatch to the Honble Directors, dated 3 *September*, forwarded by the Ship *Sphera Mundi* the 26 December laſt, that the Negroes were ſold to Mr *Corn^s^ van Ool* @ 140 pieces of Eight, viz., from 40 to 16 years; from 16 to 12 years, three for two; under 12 years, two for one.

We hope and truſt that by com-

plying with ſuch price and terms, we ſhall avoid all ſuſpicion of ſelf intereſt. I am willing to take my ſhare of the expence and riſk of their paſſage hither, becauſe I deſired the Negroes for my own ſervice and the promotion of Agriculture, not in the expectation of any gain, and therefore ſent for young ones, in which regard the worthy Inhabitants, Chriſtians, and thoſe of the Honble Company, ought, I think, to be preferred before Spaniards and unbelieving Jews.

You will ſee by the encloſed extracts from my letter covering yours to the Honble Directors, what I have propoſed to them. It is therefore deſirable and ſomewhat neceſſary that a fixed price ſhould be ſet on Horſes conveyed hither, or ordered from *Curaçao*, by private perſons, as well as on Negroes as

far as practicable, according to their ability and age, becauſe the one as well as the other are moſt urgently required here for purpoſes of Agriculture and its advancement, and finally would tend to the greater advantage, trade and proſperity of the Honble Company and its ſubjects.

* * * * *

In regard to the Negroes which the Honble Directors ordered to be ſent hither, they ought to be ſtout and ſtrong fellows, fit for immediate employment on this Fortreſs and other works; alſo, if required, in war againſt the Wild Barbarians, either to purſue them when retreating, or elſe to carry ſome of the Soldiers' baggage; it being very apparent that we ſhall be conſtrained to wage a righteous and offenſive War againſt them, for the

peaceable poſſeſſion once of the Land, and the avenging of numerous ſuffered affronts and murders. An important ſervice would be conferred on the Company, on us and the Country if there were among the ſold Negroes, ſome of experience who had reſided a certain time at *Curaçao*.

Directors at Amſterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

Amſterdam, the 9th March, 1660.

* * * * *

NOW as regards the trade in Slaves, or Negroes, which the Inhabitants there at *Curaçao* might purſue, that is permitted to them as to other Merchants, with the underſtanding, however, that it is

not to be at a lower price, for the reaſon that the Company here would thereby be ſeriouſly prejudiced. But as Agriculture there would be beneficially promoted by Negroes, and the advancement thereof is of great importance, and the proſperity of that State is, for the moſt part, dependent thereon, we have, therefore, concluded and even reſolved to try an experiment with a parcel of Negroes which we ſhall have conveyed to your Honor by the firſt opportunity which a Ship or Ships may offer from *Curaçao*. Theſe Negroes ſhall then be publicly ſold to the higheſt bidder there, on the expreſs Condition, nevertheleſs, that they ſhall not be removed thence, but be employed in cultivating the Land. To this end, an exact regiſter ſhall be made and

kept, as your Honor will ſee by the accompanying form of the aforeſaid Conditions.

* * * * *

Propoſed Contract to import Slaves into New Netherland.

THIS day, the underſigned Director and Council of *New Netherland*, thereunto authorized by Reſolution of the Chamber at *Amſterdam*, on the one part, and the Owners of the Ship whereof is Skipper, burthen about Tons, on the other part, have agreed and contracted that a Permit and Commiſſion in due form ſhall be granted to the aforeſaid Skipper, to buy Slaves, and further to proſecute ſuch advantage as ſaid Owners ſhall deem

expedient on the Coaſt of *Africa;* in like manner to return here to the *Manhattans* with the ſaid Slaves and their further cargo, provided nevertheleſs that they ſhall not be at liberty, in regard to the Coaſt of *Africa*, to reſort on the granted Permit to the *Gold Coaſt*, and therefore not to go Weſterly further than *Ardre* or at moſt to *Popo*, on pain of the loſs of the Ship and Goods laden therein, to which end the Directors and Council ſhall be at liberty to place a Supercargo on board ſaid Ship, (whom the Skipper ſhall be bound to entertain in the Cabin,) and if neceſſary to cauſe the People therein to be ſworn; for which aforeſaid Permit and Commiſſion the aforeſaid Owners promiſe, on the return of the ſaid Ship and before her diſcharge, promptly to pay to the Director

and Council aforesaid, or their deputies, a duty of *Fifteen* Guilders for each Negro, without making any exception or objection thereto. Under bond of their persons and Goods, none excepted, with renunciation of benefit *ordinis divisionis et excussionis*, having entire knowledge thereof. Done *New Amsterdam* this

Remonstrance on the preceding proposed Contract.

Honorable, Wise, Prudent Lords, *Petrus Stuyvesant*, Governor General, and the Councillors of *New Netherland*, *Curaçao* and Dependencies thereof.

Honorable,

THE Undersigned Burghers and Inhabitants of this City *New Amsterdam*, your Honors' liege Sub-

jects, moſt reſpectfully repreſent that they are inclined to a foreign Trade, and eſpecially to the Coaſt of *Africa*, according to the Conceſſion of the Honble Directors granted in the year 1652, as a ſpecial privilege to the Inhabitants of this Place, in order to fetch thence Slaves and other Wares might be diſpoſed of here and elſewhere, whereby this City and the entire Country would increaſe and proſper in Merchandize, Commerce, Population and more eſpecially in the Tobacco Trade, to the advantage not only of theſe Inhabitants, but alſo of the Honble Weſt India Company which would behold, in time, a vaſt, populous, and rich commercial Province ſpring up in theſe parts therefrom.

But it has appeared to them that thoſe who would execute with

Skipper or Merchant going to that Country a Draft of Partnerſhip, which is beſet and pinched by ſuch preciſe Conditions, would riſk their lives and Goods, and at beſt gain nothing, or run the riſk of having Ship and Goods confiſcated. For, beſides the entire of the *Gold Coaſt* being excepted in that Conceſſion, it appears that *Cape Verde*, *Siera Leona*, the *Greyn* (Pepper) and *Qua Qua* Coaſt are alſo excluded; for it is not permitted to reſort further Weſt, at fartheſt, than *Popo Sonde*. Moreover, the *Gold Coaſt* which from *Cape Apolonia* to *Cape des Rodes* or *Mount Berique* is reckoned 60 leagues, can be extended much further, as will be ſeen, to any place where Gold may be found. And as regards Slaves; for each head 15 Guilders muſt be paid, and then the payment for them in Tobacco or Beaver, is again taxed when

ſhipped to Fatherland, which impoſes too heavy a burthen on this hazardous Trade.

The Honble Company, in the meanwhile, muſt perceive that our Neighbors the French, Engliſh, Swedes, Danes and Courlanders, are by means of the Netherlanders who repair to them, trading along the entire Coaſt, even under their ſtrongholds, without any profit being derived therefrom by the Company; Yea, they ſuffer rather very ſerious loſs thereby, as is manifeſt from the example of *Arent de Groot* who in the Year 1638, built a Fort at *Cormantyn* for the Engliſh, and of *Hendrick Caerloff*, the former Fiſcal, who built another at *Cape Corſe* in the Year 1650, for the Swedes.

Your Honors' ſubjects paſſing by theſe ſtrongholds, take another courſe and as faithful ſubjects, ad-

dreſs themſelves to you, humbly praying permiſſion to trade free and unobſtructed in Ship or Ships, along the whole of the Weſt Coaſt of *Africa*, that is, from *Cape Verd* to *Cape Lopes de Gonſalve*, in all Bays, Rivers and Coaſts, without any exception, the Honble Company's ſtrongholds alone excepted, according to the Rules and Orders, on payment, either here or in *Holland*, of ſuch moderate duty as ſhall be agreed on. This doing, &c.

(Signed)

CORNELIUS STEENWYCK,
MARTEN KREGIER,
THEMOTHEUS GABRIE,
OLOFF STEVENSEN,
GOVERT LOOCQUERMANS,
JACOB STRYCKER.
P. L. VANDE GRIFT,
PIETER RUDOLPHUS,
HENDRICK JANSEN VANDER VIER,
PETER COUWENHOVEN,
JACOB STEENDAM,
JOHANNES VERVEELEN.

The preceding Petition being read and conſidered, the following Apoſtil was annexed thereto:

The Director General and Council conſider themſelves unqualified, without the previous knowledge and approbation of their Superiors, the Lords Directors of the Incorporated Weſt India Company, Chamber at *Amſterdam*, to grant any further enlargement than the Act herein mentioned implies. The Petitioners, therefore, muſt make application on the ſubject to that Board. Done *Fort Amſterdam* in *New Netherland*, 3d *May*, 1660.

Bill of Lading of Negroes.

I UNDERWRITTEN *Jan Janſen Eyckenboom*, Skipper under God of my Ship called the *Eyck-*

enboom, lying at preſent in the Harbor of the Iſland of *Curaçao*, ready to ſail for *New Netherland*, hereby acknowledge to have received in my Ship aforeſaid from the Honble Vice Director *Matthias Beck* for account of the Honble Company, *Twenty* head of Sound Slaves or Male Negroes, whom I undertake and promiſe to deliver after the proſperous and ſafe arrival of my Ship in *New Netherland*, unto the Honble Director General and Council there, firſt acknowledging to have executed triplicate Receipts therefor, one of which being ſatisfied, the others ſhall be void. *Curaçao* in *Fort Amſterdam*, the 8 *May*, A° 1660.

JAN JANSE EYCKENBOOM.

Director STUYVESANT *to the Directors at Amsterdam.*

Amsterdam in *New Netherland*, 25 *June*, 1660.

* * * * *

WE are this instant informed by a Fisherman, that the Galiot *New Amstel* is in sight with another flute with Horses and Negroes from *Curaçao*. We shall communicate to your Honors by the first opportunity, perhaps the Ship *Faith*, what intelligence we receive from there, and in the mean time will execute your orders as to the sale of the Negroes.

* * * * *

The Flute already mentioned, which arrived here from *Curaçao* with the Galiot is named the *Eyck-*

enboom, and was dispatched 16 or 17 months ago in the service and pay of the Company to *Guinea*, and thence with Negroes to *Curaçao*.

* * * * *

Nineteen Negroes arrived here in the same Vessel; the twentieth died on the Voyage. The remainder are in tolerable health.

Director STUYVESANT *to Vice Director* BECK.

Amsterdam in *New Netherland*, 5 *July*, 1660.

* * * * *

IN respect to the *Three* Negro Boys received by the Ship *Sphera Mundi*, they will be accepted on the same terms as those so told *Van Olen*. You will please to enter them on our account there, and

offſet them againſt what has been heretofore delivered out of our *coreal* to the ſtore there.

Nineteen of the 20 head of Negroes which your Honor ſent on the Company's account, have arrived in tolerable condition and health.

* * * * *

It has pleaſed the Honble Company, on our propoſal tranſmitted by the Ship *Sphera Mundi*, in regard to the trade in Negroes and the equalization of duties between the two Conqueſts, to write, on the firſt, in order to make no alteration to the Company's prejudice in the Negro trade at *Curaçao*, that they had reſolved for the promotion of Agriculture, to ſend thence hither a good number of Negroes, to be ſold to the Inhabitants, on condition that they ſhall not be tranſported elſewhere, believing that, by this

method, the Honble Company will ſuffer leſs loſs and the People reap greater benefit. The effect hereof we ſhall leave to time.

Bill of Lading of Negroes.

I UNDERWRITTEN *Dirck Janſen* from *Oldenburch*, Skipper under God of my Ship named the *New Netherland Indian*, at preſent lying in the Harbor of the Iſland of *Curaçao*, ready to ſail to *New Netherland*, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Honble Vice Director *Matthias Beck*, for account of the Honble Company, *Ten* head of Sound Slaves or Male Negroes, whom I undertake and promiſe to deliver, after my ſafe arrival with my Ship in *New Netherland*, to the Honble Director

General and Council there, firſt ſigning three Receipts of the ſame tenor, of which when one is ſatisfied the others are void. *Curaçao*, in Fort Amſterdam, the 31ſt *Auguſt*, A° 1660.

DIERCK JANS.

1661. July 21. A ſimilar Bill of Lading for 40 Slaves, conſiſting of 15 Men, 14 Women, 6 Boys and 5 Girls, to be delivered in *New Netherland*.

Permit to export a crazy Negro to Virginia.

THE Petition of *Samuel Edſal*, ſetting forth that one of the Negroes purchaſed by him on the 8th of October laſt at public Auction from the Director General

and Council is unfit to perform any ſort of work, as he is ſometimes not in his right mind, and requeſting permiſſion to ſend him to *Virginia*, being read and conſidered, it is Apoſtilled—

The Petition is granted on condition that the Petitioner, when opportunity offers, ſhall import or cauſe to be imported into the Country another in ſtead thereof. Done 20th *January*, 1661.

Directors at Amſterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

Amſterdam, 11*th April*, 1661.

Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Beloved, Faithful.

THE bearer hereof has ſafely handed us your Letter of the 9th ultimo, which came by way

of New and Old *England.* The Neceſſaries required therein, not already ſent, ſhall be forwarded to you in the Veſſels now lying ready to ſail direct thither.

This goes by way of *Curaçao.* And as we have obſerved by the encloſures thereof, that the greater portion of the Slaves conveyed thither by the *Eyckenboom* and *New Netherland Indian*, have been ſold at a fair price, we have written to Vice Director *Beck* at *Curaçao* herewith, and ordered him to provide you with a freſh ſupply by every opportunity. We have done this the rather, becauſe we have reſolved not only that Slaves ſhall be kept in *New Netherland*, as we have heretofore ordered, but be moreover exported to the Engliſh and other Neighbors. This, however, on condition that on ſuch

occaſion there ſhall be paid, on each exported Negro, a duty of *Two* Beavers, which is a ſmall and light impoſt.

The reaſons which have led us to the adoption of ſuch Reſolution, are, among others none of the ſmalleſt, the promotion both of Agriculture and Trade in thoſe Parts, as herefrom a greater frequentation of the water communication betwen *New Netherland* and *Curaçao*, muſt neceſſarily follow, and tend accordingly to their proſperity. Thus the one will be ſupplied and provided with neceſſaries by the other, which is a matter of great conſideration in regard to foreign Poſſeſſions.

As your Honor obſerves, our zeal and care for the welfare of *New Netherland*, ſo muſt you endeavor to retain us therein and conſequently

not fail to ſend us, from time to time, ſuch returns as may accrue there from the ſale of the Slaves, in which caſe we ſhall not neglect to have your Honor ſupplied with others by every opportunity.

Herewith,

Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Beloved, Faithful, commending you to God's protection we remain,

The Directors of the Weſt India Company, at the Chamber of *Amſterdam*,

C. Witsen,
Edward Man.

Director STUYVESANT *to Vice Director* BECK.

Honorable, Wiſe, Prudent, right Diſcreet Sir.

YOUR welcome Letter of the 31ſt of Auguſt of laſt Year, was handed to us in due courſe by the Bearer, in which is firſt mentioned the unfortunate loſs for the Company on the Horſes ſent hither in the Ship *Eyckenboom* and Galiot *New Amſtel.* You Honor will learn from the annexed return of the public ſale, what they brought here in conſequence of their emaciated appearance after having been refreſhed during two or three months.

We have had better luck with the few Slaves ſent hither at the ſame time. They were ſold to the higheſt bidder, chiefly at Beaver's

value, which differs little from Silver pay. I have retained ſome of the beſt for the Company. One with another they brought about *fl.* 440* a head, leſs the freight.

On this point, we muſt not neglect to recommend, in caſe Negroes are hereafter ſent in one and the ſame Veſſel, ſome on the Company's, and others on private account, as happened in the Ship *Indian*, that on ſuch occaſions, the Negroes ſent for account of the Company, or Individuals, may be diſtinguiſhed the one from the other by ſome particular marks or tokens, either by a ſtripe on the clothing or otherwiſe, in order to prevent diſputes and differences here, which we might eaſily have had here with the Owners of the Ship *Indian* if any had fallen ſick or died on the

* Equal to $176.

paſſage, ſince they claimed to be entitled to the firſt choice, leaving the reſt for the Company. This choice I alſo have allowed them, as there were no certain marks to guide us. * * * *

Amſterdam in *New Netherland*,
16*th April*, A° 1661.

(By the *New Netherland Indian*.)

Reſolution of the Director and Council of New Netherland.

Friday, 2*d September*, 1661.

In Council. Preſent—
The Honorable Director General
Petrus Stuyveſant,
Hon. *Nicaſius de Sille*,
Johan de Decker.

WHEREAS, the Yacht *New Netherland Indian* arrived here yeſterday from *Curaçao*, by which

I have received on the Company's Account 36 out of 40 head of Negroes and Negreſſes, both young and old, that had been ſhipped in that Veſſel, it is reſolved in order to prevent expence and loſs by death or otherwiſe, to ſell them publicly on Tueſday next to the higheſt bidder, and to announce the ſame immediately every where by Notices.

It being taken into conſideration in regard to the above ſubject, what pay the above Negroes ſhould be ſold for, it is by a majority of Votes reſolved, to ſell them for Beaver or Proviſions, ſuch as Beef, Pork, Wheat or Peaſe, at Beaver price; for if they are to be ſold for Beaver or Caſh down, or Tobacco at Beaver price, neither Burgher nor Farmer can purchaſe any, ſince there is no Tobacco, much leſs Beaver in cir-

culation among the People. By this means, a few perſons only, to whom the Company is indebted, would have an opportunity to monopolize them in diminution of the debt, and that at a ſmall price, becauſe, as already ſtated, ſuch only will be for their intereſt, whereby then, the Company will be fruſtrated out of the Beaver or Tobacco down, and we, alſo, ſhall be obliged to purchaſe a quantity of Proviſions for the Garriſon againſt the coming Winter, and in payment thereof take up Goods from the Merchants at the higheſt price, and next year again loſe thereby the greateſt portion of the Beaver. Therefore, for theſe and many other reaſons it has been thought beſt to ſell the aforeſaid Negroes for Beaver or Proviſions at Beaver price.

Director STUYVESANT *to the Directors at Amsterdam.*

Fort Amsterdam in *New Netherland*, 31st *October*, 1661.

Honorable, &c.

AS nothing of consequence has transpired since the departure of the *Faith* and *Gilded Eagle*, by which the condition of affairs had been explained at large, and nothing of any importance has since occurred, this Letter is principally intended to accompany Invoices, Muster Rolls of the Garrison, and a few necessary Documents.

* * * * *

Nos. 6 and 7 are two Lists, one of a lot of old, and the other of a lot of young, male and female Negroes, sent hither by Vice Director

Beck in the Ship *New Netherland Indian.* Annexed thereto is a return of the conditions and prices at which they were ſold here.

* * * * *

Reſolution of the Director and Council of New Netherland.

Monday, 7th November, 1661.

In Council. Preſent—
Director General *Petrus Stuyveſant*,
Honble *Nicaſius de Sille*,
Johan de Decker.

RESOLVED, to ſell four more of the 7 Negroes, held over laſt year, to the higheſt bidder at public auction on the following Conditions:

The Buyers ſhall be empowered to uſe the purchaſed Negroes as

Bond Slaves, alſo to reſell them to others either within or beyond this Province, provided that whomſoever will remove or tranſport them beyond this Province, ſhall pay for each Negro a duty of Two Beavers.

Payment ſhall be made down at lateſt within ſix weeks from date hereof in Wheat or Rye.

The Wheat at 3 Guilders, and the Rye at 2½ Gl. the Skepel.

The Negroes ſhall be delivered to the Purchaſers at the time of payment and not before.

The Purchaſers ſhall be bound to give ſufficient ſecurity.

Contract for a Cargo of Slaves for New Netherland.

THIS day the Meſſrs *Abraham Wilmerdonx* and *Jacob Pergens*, both Directors of

the Weſt India Company at the Chamber here, being ſpecially authorized thereto by their Aſſociates, on the one part, and *Hendrick Roeters*, old ſchepen, *Johan Tayſpil* and *Anthony Caſteleyn*, Commiſſaries and Directors of this City's Colonie in *New Netherland*, by their Aſſociates thereunto ſpecially delegated, on the other part, agree and contract, that the abovenamed Directors intending to purchaſe a parcel of Slaves at *Angola*, and to convey them to *New Netherland*, ſhall admit the aforeſaid Commiſſioners and Directors to participate with them in the coſts and riſk of the Trade of the aforeſaid Slaves, for one fourth, in all reſpects the ſame as the Company, and that accordingly the abovenamed Directors and Commiſſioners ſhall alſo pay their portion in the moneys which are advanced

to the Skipper of the *Gideon*, and the aforesaid Directors (of the West India Company) shall with all possible speed dispatch the Ship *Gideon*, chartered for that purpose by their Honors, according to the Charter Party, and let it pursue its Voyage accordingly; that the abovenamed Directors shall have the exclusive management of the aforesaid Trade and raise on bottomry the moneys required therefor, in the manner usual with the Company, and after the Voyage is completed, account for and settle with the abovenamed Directors and Commissaries for every thing; and that the aforesaid Commissioners shall give orders that their Officers, being notified of the arrival of the aforesaid Slaves at the *Manhattans*, shall repair thither to receive the aforesaid fourth of the said Negroes by blind lot, and give

receipt therefor; that, further, the aforesaid Commissioners, as soon as the receipt shall be produced here, shall pay to the Company *Ten* Carolus Guilders, over and above their share as above in the Trade, after delivery for each merchantable Slave from 15 to 36 years, being reckoned head for head as merchantable, and above 36 and from 15 to 8 years downwards, three for two, and from 8 years down, 2 for one, sucklings following the mother. All under express condition, that the abovenamed Directors and Commissioners must retain the aforesaid Slaves in their Colonie without allowing them to be sold to any other Nation outside the Colonie, or suffering them to be either directly or indirectly removed or sold elsewhere. All upon the penalty of 300 Florins for each Slave who

ſhall be removed, or ſuch higher penalty as is provided or may hereafter be provided in the Ordinances already enacted, or that ſhall hereafter be enacted therefor in *New Netherland.*

Directors at Amſterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

Amſterdam, 20th January, 1664.

* * * * *

IN our laſt which we encloſe, you were informed that we contracted with *Symon Gilde,* Skipper of the Ship *Gideon,* to export a goodly number of Slaves from *Loango* on the Coaſt of *Africa,* and to convey them by way of *Curaçao* to *New Netherland;* alſo that this City is a partner therein for one fourth part, as may be more fully

ſeen by the Copies hereunto annexed.

As the Slaves are intended ſolely to promote Agriculture, which is the only means of making the State proſperous, ſo is it our expreſs order, that the aforeſaid Slaves ſhall be ſold there only to our Inhabitants on the expreſs condition, that they ſhall not be exported out of our diſtrict, but ſpecially retained therein, to be employed in the cultivation of the ſoil, ſo that the great expenſe which we have incurred may not be fruitleſs, but that we may, in due courſe of time, reap the fruits which we promiſe ourſelves therefrom. The aforeſaid Ship with about 300 Slaves may, according to our calculation, arrive yonder in the month of June or July next.

As your Honor will be greatly relieved by this ſupply, you will

therefore uſe every effort that one third part at leaſt of the proceeds ſhall be forwarded hither in Beaver, in order that we may be enabled to pay the freight, or the greateſt part thereof at fartheſt, on the arrival of the aforeſaid Ship here, which we are bound to do by contract. Otherwiſe, we ſhall loſe all ambition to continue ſuch tranſmiſſion of Slaves. This we commend to your Honor's ſpecial conſideration.

Director STUYVESANT *to Vice Director* BECK.

Amſterdam in *New Netherland*, 7 *May*, 1664.

* * * * *

MESSRS the Directors, and the Commiſſioners of the Colonie on the *South River*, have entered

into a contract with *Simon Corneliſſen Gilde*, Skipper of the *Gideon*, to tranſport hither a lot of Negroes for Agricultural purpoſes. Theſe Negroes will, we hope, have arrived before this Letter reaches your Honor, or, at leaſt, be embarked after its receipt. We ſhall therefore recommend that, being properly provided, they may be diſpatched hither as ſpeedily as poſſible. If it happen that *Simon Gilde* ſhould arrive with the Negroes at the Iſland of *Curaçao* a month later than the Charter Party provides, ſay, the middle of Auguſt, the firſt inſtalment might reach here before or by the middle of September from *Curaçao*, and the remainder by the middle of October. In that event a fair price might be realized for them.

Conditions and Terms on which the Director General and Council of New Netherland propose to sell to the highest bidder a lot of Negroes and Negresses. 29 *May*, 1664.

THE Buyers shall immediately take possession of their purchased Negroes, and may use them as Bond Slaves, and also sell them to others.

But whereas, the meaning of the Directors is, to promote and advance the Population and Agriculture of this Province more and more, the purchased Negroes or Negresses shall not be sold, carried away or transported beyond this Province. Whoso acts contrary hereunto, shall

forfeit for each Negro or Negreſs, *One hundred* Guilders, Beaver value.

Payment ſhall be made, one fourth part down, the remainder in *September* or *October* next, in good Beaver at *Eight* Guilders the Skin, or in Merchandize, Beaver price, or in Proviſions ſuch as the Honble Company may require, to be delivered here at the *Manhattans* at the following prices:

Wheat	at 55 Stivers,	the Skepel.
Peaſe	at 50 Stivers,	the Skepel.
Rye	at 45 Stivers,	the Skepel.

Salted Beef	at 4 Stivers,	the Pound.
Pork	at 5 Stivers,	the Pound.

The Purchaſer ſhall be bound to give ſufficient ſecurity.

On the foregoing Conditions, the following were the Purchafers:

			Florins.
Jacobus Backer, -	1 Negro, for	555	
	1 Negrefs,	305	
	1 Negro,	315	
			1175
Dom^e *Johannes Theodorus Polhemius*, on Colonifts' Account, one Negro for - - - - - - -			440
Nicolas Verleth, on Colonifts' Account,			
	1 Negrefs, for *fl.*	290	
	1 Negro,	395	
	1 Negrefs and Child,	360	
	1 Negrefs,	260	
			1305
Johannes Verveelen, -	1 Negro,		445
Paulus Leendertfen Vande Grift,	1 Negro,		425
Capt. *Thomas Willet*, -	1 Negro,		502
Timotheus Gabry, - -	1 Negro,		485
Mr *John Laurence*, -	1 Negro,		345
Jerominus Ebbingh, -	1 Negro,		485
Ifaacq Foreeft, - -	1 Negro,		545
Jacob Leyfeler, - -	1 Negro,		615
Nicolas De Meyer, -	1 Negro,		460
Daniel Terneur, - -	1 Negro,		465
Ifaac Bedlo, - -	1 Negro,		430

Jacques Couſſeaa, -	1 Negreſs,	335	
	1 ditto,	305	
	1 ditto,	300	
		—	940
William Maerſchalck,	1 Negro,	500	
	1 ditto,	425	
		—	925
Govert Loocquermans, -	1 Negro,		305
Egbert Myndertſen, -	1 Negro,		562
Adriaen Vincent, -	1 Negreſs,		255
Carel van Brugge, -	1 Negreſs,	300	
	1 Negro,	600	
		—	900
	Total Florins,		12009

Director STUYVESANT *to the Directors at Amſterdam.*

* * * * *

THIS day fortnight arrived here your Honors' Veſſel, the *Sparrow*, with *Forty* head of Slaves, ſent to us by Vice Director *Beck* to procure Proviſions and all ſorts of

Timber work, ſix Ox Carts and a new Roſmill. * * *

The Negroes and Negreſſes have all arrived ſafely and in health, but were, on an average, pretty old, and as the Skipper alleges, rejected by the Spaniards. The product of the greater part appears by the accompanying account of the public Vendue. They would have brought more, had they not been ſo old. *Five* of the Negro Women, who were, in our opinion, unſaleable, have been kept back and remain unſold. In like manner, *Six* Negroes alſo, to help to cut the required Timber and to perform ſome other neceſſary work for the Honorable Company.

10 *June*, 1664.

Directors at Amsterdam to Director STUYVESANT.

Amsterdam, 24 *June*, 1664.

Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Beloved, Faithful.

WE have heretofore advised you of our intention to let the Ship *Gideon* go from *Curaçao* to the *Manhattans* with her Slaves. Having since then, and now for the first time, remarked the hostile and treacherous designs manifested by the English towards the Company's rightful Conquests on the Coast of *Africa*, where they have already mastered *Cape Verd* and taken 3 @ 4 of the Company's Ships or Yachts, we have come to a different determination. As your Honor also will

not be left unmolefted by them, for we underftand that they have likewife fent 3 Ships with Men thither to the affiftance of their Nation, and as the aforefaid Ship with Slaves might hereby be brought into difficulty, we have thought proper to fend her firft to the *South River*, to learn there from the City's Director how matters ftand at the *Manhattans*. On learning the arrival of this Ship there, your Honor muft immediately commiffion fome one to go thither, to be prefent at the allotment of the Negroes, and to repair to the *Manhattans* with the fhare, or $\frac{3}{4}$th the part that is to fall to the Company; with this underftanding, however, that if the abovenamed Ship had not brought thither above 200 head, there fhall be left to the City at leaft 60 head, as we find ourfelves under obliga-

tion to accommodate them with that number.

Herewith,

Honorable, Prudent, Valiant, Beloved, Faithful,

Commending you to God's merciful Protection, we Remain,

Your Good Friends,

The Directors of the Incorporated Weſt India Company, Chamber at *Amſterdam*,

J. Bontemantel,
David van Baerle.

Vice Director BECK *to the Directors and Council of New Netherland.*

Curaçao in *Fort Amsterdam*, the 21. *July*, Año 1664.

Honorable, Valiant, Wise, Prudent and right Discreet Gentlemen.

Gentlemen,

MY last to your Honors was dated 28 April, by the Company's Ship *Musch*, which I not only hope has arrived in your parts long before your receipt of this, but ardently desire to see her return here every day.

Since then a handsome Genoese (*genuees*) Ship, named the *Sta Cruz*, arrived here from *Cartagena*, with *One hundred* and *sixty thousand* pieces of Eight in Specie, to be all invested

in Slaves through the Factors residing here on behalf of the Genoese Company, who, however up to this time have delayed doing any thing, by advice and order of their Principals, in the expectation that they will have concluded a new Contract with the Company, and that more Slaves may arrive here, so as to invest the entire Capital which they have brought for that purpose in their aforesaid Ship, in Slaves and to carry them away at once.

On the 8th instant, arrived here by way of *Guinea*, *Angola*, and *Cayenne*, the Ship *Gideon*, the bearer hereof, *Simon Corneliffen Gilde*, Skipper, with over *Three hundred* Slaves. I was in hopes by means of these and the supply of Slaves already here, to have enough to be able on the Advice and Order of the Company, to accommodate the aforesaid

Factors for their abovementioned Specie, as then was their intent; for they ſaid, in caſe no ſeaſonable advice or order was received from their Principals and the Company, that they would then contract with me for as many Slaves as were here at preſent, and might happen to arrive, to be paid for on delivery, in order to diſpatch their aforeſaid Ship, which was lying here at great expenſe. So they were expecting that they could have availed themſelves on this occaſion, for their Veſſel, of the Slaves brought hither by the aforeſaid Ship *Gideon*, when the abovementioned Skipper *Simon Corneliſſen Gilde* brought me ſuch ample Order and Inſtructions to the contrary, that I could not dare to change them, as your Honors will pleaſe to obſerve by the annexed Copies. Purſuant to ſaid Orders

I am ſending to your Honors herewith, by the aforeſaid Ship and Skipper the number of Slaves to be ſeen in the accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading to which, for brevity's ſake, I refer.

And ſince now, in the firſt place, no more Slaves are to be expected here, the aforeſaid Factors will have to content themſelves with the Slaves which have been previouſly brought hither on the Company's account; and as many of the Slaves brought here by the ſaid Ship *Gideon* are infected with Scurvy, I have therefore retained the greater number of theſe here and embarked others in their place from among thoſe brought in previous Ships. When thoſe are cured of the Scurvy, they can be delivered, in the place of the others, to the aforeſaid Factors. * * * * *

Bill of Lading for Three Hundred Negroes ſent to the Manhattans.

I UNDERWRITTEN *Simon Corneliſſe Gilde*, Skipper under God of my Ship, named the *Gideon*, now lying in the Harbor of *Curaçao*, ready to ſail with the firſt fair wind (which God ſhall vouchſafe) for the *Manhatans* in *New Netherland* acknowledge to have received between the Decks of my aforeſaid Ship, the number of *Three hundred* Slaves, conſiſting of *One hundred* and *ſixty* Men and *One hundred* and *forty* Women, all merchantable; which Slaves I promiſe to deliver (if God grant me a proſperous Voyage), with my aforeſaid Ship at the ſaid *Manhatans* to the

Honble Director General *Petrus Stuyvesant* or his Order, on payment of my freight for the aforesaid Slaves, as agreed upon and conditioned by the Charter Party, and for the performance of what precedes, I pledge myself and all my Property and my aforesaid Ship with all its Appurtenances. In witness of the truth I have signed three Invoices, all of the same tenor, the one being fulfilled, the others are void. Written at *Curaçao*, the 21st *July*, Año 1664. (Signed)

SYMON CORNELISSEN GILDE.

Director STUYVESANT *to Vice Director* BECK.

Honorable, Prudent, Wiſe, and very Diſcreet Sir.

OUR laſt Letter to you was by the Ship *The White Horſeman*, Skipper *Hendrick Janſen Stuyveſant*, dated the 7th May laſt. * * *

Since then, viz., on the 24th May, arrived here in ſafety, God be praiſed, the Company's Ship *Sparrow*, Skipper *Jan Peterſen Groot* of *Dockum*, by whom I received your Honor's Letter of the 28th of April, to which the following will ſerve as an anſwer.

The Slaves and Merchandize arrived ſafely according to Invoice and Bill of Lading. * * *

I have ſold the Negroes that have been ſent, at Public auction to the

highest bidder, for Provisions, with the exception of *Six* of the Men, who are employed in the Company's service on the Works of the Fort, and *Five* Negro Women who, on account of their advanced Age, could not find a Purchaser, except at a very low figure. The remainder have been sold at prices mentioned in the annexed Copy of the Conditions of the Sale; being, in our opinion, a tolerably fair price for such a lot. Had they been better, there is not a doubt but they would have produced a much larger amount, as may be inferred from the price of a few who were sold for 600 Guilders* and upwards.

These Negroes have afforded us great relief in the purchase of Provisions for the Garrison. Otherwise,

* $240.

we ſhould have been conſtrained by the low ſtate of the Treaſury, cauſed by the continued troubles, firſt with the Barbarians, and now at preſent with the neighboring Engliſh, to purchaſe Supplies by Bills of Exchange.

* * * * *

In our former diſpatch, duplicate whereof we here incloſe, we ſtated among other things, if it ſhould come to paſs that *Simon Gilde* arrived at the Iſland of *Curaçao*, with Negroes three weeks or a month later than intimated in the Charter Party, ſay the middle of Auguſt, therefore the ſending of the Negroes hither ſhould not be poſtponed, &c. Having reconſidered this, we have, for divers reaſons, whereof one is, that the Right Honorable the Regents of the city of *Amſterdam* are intereſted

therein one fourth part, thought it beſt and moſt juſtifiable, not to make the ſlighteſt alteration in the Charter Party which the Directors have concluded with *Simon Gilde*. Wherefore we requeſt and recommend your Honor to regulate yourſelf by the ſaid Charter Party in the forwarding of the abovementioned Negroes. But as we find ourſelves burthened here by an unuſually ſtrong Garriſon, for the ſupport of which, excluſive of the monthly pay, we require conſiderable Proviſions, for the purchaſe whereof we are not well provided; we, on that account, have need, yea great need of a few Slaves, in order to truck them for Proviſions. Yet, for reaſons already given, we deem it unjuſtifiable to ſend for the ſaid Negroes, contrary to the Charter Party concluded with *Simon Gilde*.

Yet requiring a large quantity of Proviſions both for this place and *Curaçao*, as we have already ſtated and more fully explained, ſhould an opportunity offer to purchaſe any, funds would be abſolutely neceſſary. Wherefore we recommend this ſeriouſly to your conſideration; and if *Simon Gilde* arrive in ſeaſon, to ſend us as many Negroes as circumſtances will permit. If Negroes be ſcarce, which however we ſhould prefer to have for the good and advancement of the country, according to the Honble Company's Order, ſome other effects, either Money or Oſnaburghs and other coarſe Linen, or any thing elſe that is not needed for the public ſervice, might be ſpared and bartered for Proviſions. If Negroes, your Honor will pleaſe to bear in mind to have them ſent off in time that they

may probably arrive here before, or about All Saints, and that they be ſuitably provided againſt the cold.

30 *July*, 1694.

The Council of New Netherland to the Directors at Amſterdam.

* * * * *

MEANWHILE, God be thanked, the Ship *St. Jacob* arrived here in ſafety on the 13th inſtant, from the *South River*, and, two days after, the Ship *Gideon*, which ſailed from *Curaçao* on the 21ſt of July with 300 Slaves, 160 Men and 140 Women, whereof 9 died on the paſſage. This is a very poor lot; indeed ſo poor do we believe, that we fear the moſt of

them will remain on our hands, or muſt be let go at a very low figure, whereof more in our next.

Purſuant to the Contract which your Honors made with the Directors of the City's Colonie, we have delivered by lot the fourth part of the abovementioned Negro Men and Women, into the hands of Mr *Peter Alrichs*, Commiſſary of Indian Cargoes, and Councillor of the Colonie of *New Amſtel*, who has been here for ſome time for the purpoſe of purchaſing Oxen, Cows and Horſes, to the number of 200 or thereabouts. * * *

The Colonie has received by lot for its fourth part, 38 Men and 34 Women. But as there were among theſe, as well as among thoſe that fell to the Company, many above the age of 36 years, three of them muſt be counted for two. * * *

This ſerves merely to adviſe your Honors of the arrival of the above-mentioned Negroes who, though a very poor lot, as already ſtated, yet in our moſt deplorable ſtate, will wonderfully relieve us, ſo that we and your Honors' Servants and Inhabitants, find ourſelves greatly obliged, and gratefully acknowledge your care in the ſending of the ſaid Negroes. * * * *

Fort Amſterdam in *New Netherland*, 17 *Auguſt*, 1664.

(By Way of the *South River*, per the *Eagle*.)

Receipt for the above Negroes.

WE the underſigned Director General and Council of *New Netherland*, hereby certify and declare that the bearer hereof, *Symon Corneliſſen Gilde*, Skipper, under *God*,

of the Ship *Gideon*, on the day after his arrival, being the 14th of Auguſt, hath delivered here on ſhore for account of Meſſrs the Directors of the Incorporated Weſt India Company, Chamber at *Amſterdam*, *Two hundred* and *ninety* head of Negroes, to wit, *One hundred* and *fifty three* Men, and *One hundred* and *thirty ſeven* Women, among whom in all were found by impartial Men as ſelected according to the Charter Party, *Eighty nine* which were judged to be above *Thirty ſix* years old; of which delivery, the abovementioned Skipper, *Symon Corneliſſen Gilde*, demanding proper Receipt to ſerve him agreeably to his Charter Party, with the abovementioned Directors, we have executed for him two of the ſame tenor, one whereof being ſatisfied, the other is to be null. Done *Amſterdam* in

New Netherland, the 30 *Auguſt*, 1664.

Permit to tranſport Negroes.

THE Honble Director General informed the Council that Capt. *Thomas Willet* would accept 3 or 4 Negroes in payment of the Beavers due him by the Company, if he might tranſport them from this place to ſuch other that he may think proper. Which being taken into conſideration, it was, on queſtion being put, Reſolved to let him have 3 or 4 Negroes; becauſe from the low ſtate of the Treaſury, it is not well known how elſe to ſatisfy him for the Proviſions delivered laſt year, amounting to about *Eight thouſand* Guilders; and Secretary *Van Ruyven* is deputed to inform ſaid *Willet* thereof, and to

agree with him about the price for the beſt advantage of the Company, and if poſſible to obtain from him as much as the General hath lately had from him for two of his own Negroes. Done 30th *September*, 1664.

Vice Director Beck *to* Peter Stuyvesant.

Curaçao, in *Fort Amſterdam* the 15 *Novemb*r, Año 1664.

Sir,

* * * * *

I HAVE remarked, among other things, in your Honor's acceptable Letter, the ſerious miſtake that has been committed here in the ſale of your Slaves; eſpecially of the little Children, ſince with great

ſorethought on the part of Madam *Stuyveſant*, your Honor's ſpouſe, they were preſented at the baptiſmal Font. If we had had the leaſt knowledge of the Fact, the miſtake would not have occurred. To my grief, a great error has been committed which I fear is irreparable; for ſo long an interval has elapſed, it will be very difficult to aſcertain where they have been finally landed. But I ſhall have inquiries made by the firſt Ship that leaves here for *Carthagena* and *Porto Bello*, and if it be poſſible, endeavor to get them back, even if I ſhould have to give two full grown Slaves and more for them.

Vice Director Beck *to* Peter Stuyvesant.

Curaçao, 16 *April*, Año 1665.

Sir,

* * * * *

A SHIP, named *Miſs Catarina*, whereof *Jacob Dirckſen Willree* is Skipper, arrived here on the 14th January laſt, from *Ardra*, on the Coaſt of *Guinea*, with *One hundred* and *fifty* Slaves. She was ſent in the Service of the Company from *Amſterdam* to the *Caſtle del Mina* to Mr. *Valckenburgh* with ſome Supplies for that place, and ſucceeded very well, notwithſtanding many Engliſh Ships were off that Coaſt.

* * * * *

Since my laſt, I have ſold here

to the Genoefe (*genueefen*) all the Slaves which had come here on the Company's account in the laft Ships and were remaining at this place @ *One hundred* and *twenty* pieces of Eight. And becaufe of thefe Englifh troubles, and principally becaufe no Slaves were expected here from the Coaft of *Guinea*, the aforefaid Genoefe have taken their departure hence with their Ship and the abovementioned purchafed Slaves, on the 23d January laft for *Carthagena*. We fhall learn betimes whether this trade fhall be renewed in *Holland* with the Company, or whether it will be purfued and continued at this place by other Spaniards.

I have, fince that, been informed that the Principals of the abovementioned Genoefe in *Spain* have contracted with the Royal Company

of *England* for the delivery of Slaves, ſuch delivery to be made at the Iſland of *Jamaica*, and that a large Ship belonging to the ſaid Genoeſe has already arrived at *Jamaica*, to carry away the Slaves, according to the Contract concluded with the Royal Company. But inaſmuch as no Slaves had reached there for the Royal Company, they were allowed to purchaſe as many Slaves from the Engliſh Planters and Inhabitants as they were to receive. In regard to this Contract, all Commiſſions of Privateers and Ships againſt the Spaniards in theſe *Weſt Indies* are revoked, and they are forbidden to inflict any damage on the Spaniſh Nation by land or water; and when a rich Spaniſh Prize was brought by the Engliſh Privateers into *Jamaica*, they were obliged to reſtore her, free of coſts and charges.

I doubt if this Engliſh Royal Company will be able to fulfill their Contract with the Genoeſe, if it be of any magnitude, in conſequence of the diſturbances and troubles cauſed by themſelves on the Coaſt of *Guinea* and the great obſtruction they will encounter as long as theſe troubles continue, in their Slave Trade and in all their other Commerce, from the Privateers of *Holland* and *Zealand*, of which they have had, hitherto, no ſuſpicion.

* * * * *

We ſee now here for the ſecond time a Comet with a long fiery tail; it has been viſible here for more than two months paſt. It is alſo viſible in *Europe*. What it portends is beſt known only to the Chief Giver of all Good, who will mercifully turn away from us all

well deſerved plagues and puniſhments, and make every thing tend to the honor of his Moſt Holy Name for the Good of His People unto Salvation.

* * * * *

INDEX.

AFFIDAVIT of Jan van Gaelen, 14; of Jan Rykartſen, 27; of Hans Marcuſſen Stuyve, 35; of Adriaen Blaes, 45.

Africa, Guinea Traders reſort to, vii; private Dutch Traders not allowed to go to, xv; Trade to, opened to New Netherland, xxi; Coloniſts of New Netherland permitted to bring Negroes from, 103; Slaves to be taken to the Weſt Indies from, 103; and to New Netherland, 104, 107; a Ship ſails from Medenblick to, for Slaves, 112; Ship Eyckenboom chartered to convey Slaves to New Netherland from, 132; Limits wherein private Merchants may trade for Slaves in, 170, 173; Inhabitants of New Netherland allowed to trade to, 172; hoſtile Deſigns of the Engliſh on the Dutch Forts in, 207.

African Company, Royal, contract to ſell Slaves, 230.

Africans introduced into New Netherland, xiii.

Agriculture, the Slave Trade authorized for the Benefit of, xxvi, 107; Negroes imported into New Netherland for the Promotion of, 165, 168, 180, 185, 199.

Alrichs, Peter, Slaves delivered to, 222.

Amandaré, the firſt Slave Ship in New Netherland, xvi; came probably from Brazil, xxiv; brings Negroes to New Netherland, 99.
Amboſius, Highland of, 3, 46.
America, Virginia Traders reſort to, vii.
Amſterdam City, owns Shares in a Slave Ship, xxvi; contracts for a Cargo of Slaves, 195.
Amſterdam Chamber of the W. I. Co., informed of the Loſs of the Slaver St. John, and the Capture of her Slaves, 78; authorizes the Importation of Slaves into New Netherland, 108; directs the Seizure of a Ship belonging to Medenblick that failed to Africa for Slaves, 112; contracts to ſupply Slaves, 153, 160; orders a freſh Supply of Negroes to be ſent to New Netherland, 184; determined to encourage the Slave Trade, 185; trades in Slaves, 195, 198.
Angola, Blacks from, captured, ix, x, xi; Trade from Holland to, xiii; Slaves obtained at, 91; Coloniſts of New Netherland permitted to trade to, 101, 102; Slaves purchaſed at, 195.
d'Angola, Paul, xiii.
Annebo, Iſland of, 6; Proviſions for Slavers purchaſed at, 7, 47.
Arda, 2.
Arms of Amſterdam, Journal of the Slaver, 87; captured by a Pirate, 93.
Arobe, equivalent of the, 125.
Aruba, 27, 49, 58.
Aſſembly of the XIX, Reſolution of, 105.
Auction, Negroes ſold at, xii, 168, 190, 193, 202, 216.

BACKER, Jacobus, 204.
Barbadoes, a Dutch Slaver loſes ſome Negroes at, xvi; a Slave Emporium, xxix.
Barley raiſed in New Netherland, xviii.
Beans raiſed in New Netherland, xviii.
Beaulieu, Captain, a Privateer, 84.
Beaver, Price of, 203.
Beck, Matthias, Vice Director of Curaçao, ſends Sloops to take Slaves off the wrecked St. John, 8, 14, 41, 49; iſſues a Proclamation for the Arreſt of Pirates, 69; Letters of, 78, 83; authorized to ſeize a Medenblick Slaver, 112: ſupplies Spaniards with Slaves, 160; ſends Negroes to New Netherland, 181, 205; ordered to ſend a freſh Supply of Negroes to New Netherland, 182.
Bedlo, Iſaac, 204.
Beef, ſalt, Price of, 203.
Bills of Lading for Negroes, 140, 176, 181, 214.
Black Eagle, Ship, ſails for New Netherland, 106.
Blacks, the Weſt India Company promiſe to ſupply New Netherland with, xiv.
Blaes, Adriaen, Skipper of the Slaver St. John, 5, 17; Affidavit of, 45.
Bloody Flux, Slaves ſuffering from, 4; Surgeon De Lanoy dies of the, 6.
Bonaire, 15, 48, 50.
Bontemantel, J., Director of the Weſt India Company, 209.
Braſil, Number of Slaves brought into, viii; Effect of the Conqueſt of, on the Slave Trade, xi, xii; private Dutch Veſſels not allowed to trade to, xv; Trade opened between New Netherland and,

xix; Slaves to be brought from, xx; Colonists of New Netherland permitted to trade to, 101; Negroes may be exported from, 106.
Bread, Want of, on board the Slaver St. John, 8.
Brommert, Captain, commands an English Privateer, 93.
Bruyn, Frans, 140; purchases Slaves for Director Stuyvesant, 144.

CABO de Loop de Consalvo, 5; Slaver procures Wood and Water at, 6, 47.
Caerloff, Hendrick, builds a Fort for the Swedes at Cape Corse, 174.
Calabari, a Slave Mart, 45, 46.
Cape Corse, the Swedes build a Fort at, 174.
Cape Verde, Negroes from, sold at Curaçao, 154; Slaves received at Curaçao from, 155; the English capture, 207.
Caraccas, Operations of Pieterfen the Privateer at, 21, 36, 37, 56, 57; Trade between Curaçao and, 113, 115, 117, 118.
Carthagena, a Ship arrives for Slaves at Curaçao from, 210; Slaves sent from Curaçao to, 229.
Casteleyn, Anthony, 195.
Castle Frigate, Jan Pieterfen, a Dane, commands the Privateer, 18, 30, 40, 53, 69.
Cayman Islands, Pirates capture a Dutch Ship at the, 92.
Charter of a Ship for a Voyage to Africa and New Netherland, 132.
Children, Number of, who died on board the Slaver St. John, 12.

Claeſſen, Peter, cooper, Death of, 4; at Rio Cammerones, 6.
Colding, Situation of, 31.
Colonies, Engliſh, the Dutch introduce Slaves into the, vi; to be ſupplied with Slaves by the Dutch, 184.
Comet, a, viſible at Curaçao and in Europe, 231.
Conditions on which Negroes are to be ſold by Auction at New Amſterdam, 193, 202.
Congo, Simon, xiii.
Contract made with the Directors at Amſterdam for Slaves, 153, 160; to import Slaves into New Netherland, Draft of a, 169; for a Cargo of Slaves for New Netherland, 194.
Copper, brought from the Spaniſh Main, 118.
Cormantyn, the Engliſh build a Fort at, 174.
Couſſeau, Jacques, 205.
Couwenhoven, Peter, 175.
Cuba, Propoſal to run Negroes into, 120; not feaſible, 132.
Curaçao, Effect of the Capture of, on the Slave Trade, xi, xii; a Slave Emporium, xxix; Slaver St. John ſails for, 8; Crew of the St. John arrive at, 13; Slaves ſent from Africa to, 91; a Ship ſent from Medenblick to convey Slaves to, 112; Trade between the Spaniſh Main and, 113, 154; Spaniards invited to trade at, 116, 117; the Slave Trade at, 121, 125, 126, 127; Slaves ſent to New Netherland from, 140; Slaves brought from Guinea to, 143; weak State of, 157; Negroes ſent to New Netherland from, 177, 178; a Ship from Carthagena arrives at, for Slaves, 210;

Slaves arrive at New Amſterdam from, 221; ſent to Carthagena from, 229; a Comet viſible at, 231 (See *Slave Trade*).

DAVID'S Iſland, 21, 24, 30, 57.
Decker, Johan, de, 189, 193.
De Groot, Arent, builds a Fort at Cormantyn, 174.
De Laet, Johannis, his Opinion of Blacks, ix.
De Lanoy, Surgeon Martin, dies, 6.
Delaware (See *South River*).
Douwneman, Robert, a Pirate, captures a Dutch Ship and Cargo, 92.
Dutch, the original Introducers of Slaves into the North American Colonies, vi; did not place much Value on the Slave Trade at firſt, xi; Number of Slaves captured from the Spaniards by the, xii; additional Papers relative to the Slave Trade under the, 99; the chief Supporters of the Slave Trade, 104.
Duty on Negroes, 171, 185, 194.

EBBINGH, Jeronimus, 204.
Edſal, Samuel, ſends a crazy Negro to Virginia to be ſold, 182.
Elephants' Teeth brought from Africa, 31, 40, 65.
Elizabeth's River, Virginia, 95.
Elmina, 1; bad Proviſions ſupplied at, 5; Johan Valckenburgh Director at, 45; Slaver Arms of Amſterdam ſails from, 90.
Engliſh, the, well ſupplied in America with Proviſions, xix; Slaves to be exported by the Dutch to

the, xxv; have a Fort at Cormantyn, 174; Capture Cape Verd, 207.
Eyckenboom, Jan Janſen, of Hoorn, 133; conveys Negroes to New Netherland, 176.
Eyckenboom, Ship, chartered to carry Slaves from Africa to New Netherland, 132; arrives at New Amſterdam with Horſes and Negroes, 178.

FAITH, the Ship, 192.
Fayal, Negroes ſent to, x.
Florida, no private Dutch Veſſel allowed to trade North of, xv.
Foreeſt, Iſaac, 204.
Foſcom, Mr., 89; his Bark arrives at New Amſterdam from Virginia, 95.
Franciſco, John, xiii.
Frederick, Prince, Declaration of one of the Magiſtrates of Amſterdam to, 104.
Freedoms to Patroons, encourage Agriculture in New Netherland, xviii.
Friar Francis, trades with the Dutch at Curaçao, 124, 125, 126.
Froon, Johan, Commiſſary on board the St. John, 45.

GABRIE, Thimotheus, 175, 204.
Genoeſe, the, trade for Slaves at Curaçao, 210, 211, 229.
Gey, Captain, commands an Engliſh Privateer, 93.
Gideon, Ship, xxiv, 147; carries Slaves to Curaçao, 155; ſent to Africa for Slaves, 196, 198, 201, 207; arrives at Curaçao, 211; arrives at Manhattans with 300 Slaves, 221.

Gilde, Symon C., 122; fells Negroes at Curaçao, 126; contracts to convey Slaves from Africa to New Netherland, 198, 201; commands Ship Gideon, 147, 149; contracts to convey 300 Slaves to the Manhattans, 214; Receipt for them to, 223.

Gilded Eagle, Ship, 192.

Groot, Jan Pieterfen, Skipper of the Ship Sparrow, 141; brings Slaves to the Manhattans, 216; (See *Pieterjen*).

Guinea, Slaves brought by the Dutch from, vii, xxiv, 28, 35, 79; a Cargo of Negroes arrives in New Netherland from, 110, 179; Slaves taken to Curaçao from, 147; Ship Gideon arrives with Slaves from, 211, 228.

HACK, Nicolas, Secretary of Curaçao, 27, 34, 44, 68, 162.

Havana, Vice Director Beck writes to the Governor of, 152.

Heermans, Auguftine, 142, 146.

Hifpaniola, Spanifh Veffels captured off, x.

Holland, Courfe of Trade between Africa and, xiii.

Horfes and Negroes arrive at New Netherland from Curaçao, 178; Lofs fuftained in New Netherland by the Sale of, 187.

INFORMATION refpecting the Capture of the Slaves on board the St. John, 14.

Introduction of Slavery into New Netherland, xiii.

JACQUES (See *Van Cuelen*).
Jamaica, Sea Rovers arrive at, 85; Slaves to be furnished at, 230.
Jansen, Skipper Dirck, carries Negroes to New Netherland, 181.
Jansen, Skipper Ewout, 153.
Jews, in purchasing Slaves, Christians ought to be preferred to unbelieving, 165.
Journal of the Slaver St. John, 1; of the Slaver Arms of Amsterdam, 87.

KING Solomon, Ship, 78; arrives at Curaçao with Slaves, 143.
Kregier, Martin, 175.

LA Garce, Privateer, visits New Amsterdam, xxiii.
La Montagne, Mr., 110.
Laurence, John, 204.
Leeuw, Peter de, 26, 34, 44, 68.
Letters of Vice Director Beck to the West India Company, 78, 113, 124, 147; to Director Stuyvesant, 83; of the Directors at Amsterdam to Director Stuyvesant, 99, 101, 103, 106, 167, 183, 198, 207.
Leyseler, Jacob, 204.
Limits wherein private Persons may trade for Slaves in Africa, 170, 173.
List of Slaves who died on the Passage from Africa to Curaçao, 10.
Loando, reduced by the Dutch, xii; Effect of the

Reduction, xv; a Slave Mart, 91; Slaves carried to New Netherland from, 198.
Loocquermans, Govert, 175, 205.
Lord, Richard, purchases a Negro, 100.
Lubbertsen, Frederick, sells a Negro to Richard Lord, 100.
Lucassen, Theunis, 26.

MAERSCHALCK, William, 205.
Man, Edward, Director of the West India Company, 132, 186.
Manhattan, the first Slaves brought to, xiii; Inhabitants of, permitted to bring Negroes from Africa, 102; Slaves to be brought from Africa to, 196, 207; Instructions regarding Slaves for, 208; three hundred Slaves sent to, 214.
Maria of London, a Pirate, commanded by Capt. Douwneman, 92; burnt, 94.
Matthias, Henricus, contracts to deliver Negroes at Curaçao, 121, 122.
Medenblick, a Ship sails to Africa from, for Slaves, 112.
Men, Number of, who died on board the Slaver St. John, 12.
Merchants of New Amsterdam remonstrate against the Restrictions on the Slave Trade, 171.
Meyer, Nicolas de, 204.
Michielsen van Hulst, Martin, 62.
Miss Catarina, Ship, brings Slaves from Guinea to Curaçao, 228.
Momma, Guillaume, contracts to supply Slaves, 153, 155, 161.

Montſerrat, 94.
Myndertſen, Egbert, 205.

NANCIMON (Va.), 95.
Negroes, firſt introduced into the Colonies, vii; little valued by the Dutch, ix, x, xi; Number of, captured by the Dutch, xii; ſold for Pork and Peas, xvi; brought by Privateers into New Amſterdam, xxiii; ſome luſty, about to be ſent to Director Stuyveſant, 86; two killed, 93; the Directors at Amſterdam promiſe to ſupply New Netherland with more, 99; Bill of Sale of a, 100; New Netherland permitted to ſend to Africa for, 102, 103; taken as Prizes, may be exported from Brazil, 105; Duties on, 106; Spaniards invited to Curaçao to purchaſe, 116, 119; to be run into Cuba, 120; Trade at Curaçao in, 121, 122; Price of, 123, 125, 126, 130, 143, 145, 146, 155, 161, 162, 164, 188, 204, 205, 217, 229; how to be run into the Spaniſh Main, 128; Royalty in the Spaniſh Colonies on, *ibid.*; Bill of Lading for, 140, 176, 181, 214; Trade in, reſerved by the Weſt India Company, 143; ordered to be ſent to New Netherland, 145; a fine Lot of, loſt, 148; ſold at Curaçao to Spaniards, 154; Chriſtians ought to be preferred to Spaniards and Jews in purchaſing, 165; for New Netherland ought to be ſtout Fellows, 166; to be employed in the War againſt the Indians, *ib.*; to be ſold at public Auction in New Amſterdam, 168; Duty on, 171; from Curaçao arrive at New Amſterdam, 177, 178, 180; a crazy, exported to Vir-

ginia, 182; a freſh Supply of, ordered to New Netherland, 182; Duty on exported, 185; ſold at Auction, 190, 193, 202, 216; and held as Bond Slaves, 194; imported from Africa into New Netherland, 201, 216; Receipt for, 223; Thomas Willet permitted to export, 225; (See *Slaves*).

New Amſtel, Slaves ſent to, 222.

New Amſtel, Galiot, commanded by Auguſtine Heermans, 142.

New Amſterdam, Negroes brought to, xiv, xvi; Privateers bring Slaves into, xxii, xxiii; Slaves brought from Guinea to, xxiv; owns Slaves, xxvi; a Veſſel from Virginia arrives at, 95, Remonſtrance of Merchants of, againſt Reſtrictions on the Slave Trade, 171; Horſes and Negroes arrive at, 178; Negroes to be ſold by Auction at, 189, 193, 202; (See *Manhattan*).

New France, private Dutch Veſſels not allowed to trade to, xv.

New Jerſey, Slavery firſt noted in, xv.

New Netherland, Slavery not greatly encouraged at firſt in, xi; Hiſtory of the Introduction of Slavery into, xiii; private Dutch Veſſels not allowed to trade to, xv; firſt Slave Ship arrives in, xvi; the Slave Trade to be revived by Means of, xviii; Products of, xviii; Trade to Brazil opened to, xix; Slaves to be carried from Brazil to, xx; Trade to Africa opened to, xxi; when Slaves began to be regularly imported into, xxii; Weſt India Company reſolve that Slaves ſhall be kept in, xxv; never engaged in the African Slave Trade,

xxvi; Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary of, 100; Trade to Brazil and Africa opened to, 101; permitted to bring Negroes from Africa, 102; Cargo of Slaves to be taken to, 104, 107, 108; and arrives at, 109; Slaves exported to Virginia from, 111; Ship chartered to convey Slaves from Africa to, 132; Slaves ſent from Curaçao to, 140; what Sort of Negroes are deſirable for, 166; Draft of a Contract to import Slaves into, 169; Slave Trade opened to the Inhabitants of, 172; Negroes ſent from Curaçao to, 177, 178, 181; a freſh Supply of Negroes ordered to be ſent to, 184; Contract for a Cargo of Slaves for, 194, 198.

New Netherland Indian, Ship, conveys Negroes to New Netherland, 181.

New Spain, Trade between Curaçao and, 159.

Nuchteren, Jan Gerritſen, Skipper of the Arms of Amſterdam, Death of, 90.

ORDINANCE impoſing a Duty on Slaves exported from New Netherland, 109.

Oſtrich, Ship, Hides and Tobacco ſent from Curaçao to Holland by the, 125.

PADRE, a Spaniſh, purchaſes Negroes and Merchandize at Curaçao, 124, 125, 126.

Patacoon, Value of a, 145.

Patroons, Blacks promiſed to, xiv; undertake Agriculture in New Netherland, xviii.

Peaſe, raiſed in New Netherland, xviii; Price of, 203.

Pergens, Jacob, 194.

Permit to export Negroes, 225.

Pernambuco, the Reduction of, the great Stimulant to the Dutch Slave Trade, xi.
Pickled Herring, a Privateer, visits New Netherland, 84.
Pieterſen, Hector, contracts to ſupply Slaves, 153, 155, 161.
Pieterſen, Jacob, joins the Privateers, 43, 60, 73.
Pieterſen, Jan, a Privateer, captures a Dutch Sloop, 15; commands the Caſtle Frigate, 18; Operations of, at Caraccas, 21; ſeizes Negroes belonging to the Weſt India Company, 24, 30, 53, 61; Proclamation for the Arreſt of, 69; denounced as a Pirate, 72.
Pieterſen, Jan, Skipper of the Ship Sphera Mundi, conveys Slaves to New Netherland, 140, 142; (See *Groot*).
Pirate, Proclamation for the Arreſt of Jan Pieterſen, a, 69.
Pocahontas, vi.
Polhemus, Domine, 204.
Population of New Netherland, the Slave Trade tends to increaſe the, 108.
Pork, Price of, 203.
Porto Bello, Slaves ſupplied from Curaçao to, 155, 159.
Porto Cabelho, 118.
Porto Velo, chief Place of Trade on the Spaniſh Main, 128; propoſed Trade in Negroes at, 129.
Portugueſe, Anthony, xiii.
Price of Negroes, xi, xii, 123, 125, 126, 130, 143, 145, 146, 155, 161, 162, 164, 188, 204, 205, 217, 224.

Price of Wheat, Peafe and Rye, 203.
Privateer, a, brings Slaves into New Amfterdam, xxii; captures Veffels and Slaves belonging to the Dutch, 9, 15, 24, 30, 35, 51, 53; French and Englifh vifit Curaçao, 157; (See *Pieterjen*).
Proclamation for the Capture of Jan Pieterfen, a Rover, 69.

RAINS, heavy, in Africa, 4.
Receipt of a Spanifh Trader for Slaves, 160.
Remonftrance againft the Reftrictions prefcribed to private Parties engaged in the Slave Trade, 171.
Refolution of the Affembly of the XIX, 105; of the Amfterdam Chamber, 108; of the Director and Council of New Netherland, permitting Negroes to be taken to Virginia, 111; to fell Negroes at public Auction, 189, 193.
Ridder, Paulus Heyn, Pilot of the Slaver Arms of Amfterdam, Affidavit of, 89.
Rio Cammerones, 4, 46; Peter Claeffen dies at, 6.
Rio Reael, 1, 2; Slaves purchafed at, 3, 45.
Rocus, Slaver St. John loft on the Rifts of, 8, 13, 14.
Roeters, Hendrick, Schepen of Amfterdam, 195.
Rolfe, John, vi.
Rombouts, Johan, 120.
Roofa, Gyfbert, 34, 44, 68; authorized to recover a Ship captured by Pirates, and taken into Havana, 152.
Rovers, a Veffel fent in Purfuit of, 81; arrive at Jamaica, 85; Vice Director Beck unfuccefsful in his Efforts to overtake the, 148; arrefted at Havana, 152; (See *Privateer*).

Royal African Company, contract to deliver Slaves at Jamaica, 230.
Royalty in the Spanish Colonies on Negroes, 128.
Rudolphus, Pieter, 175.
Ryckarttsen, Jan, Skipper of the Young Brindled Cow, 22, 50, 58, 59, 61; Affidavit of, in regard to a Privateer seizing Slaves, &c., belonging to the Dutch, 27.
Rye, produced in New Netherland, xviii; Price of, 203.

STA Cruz, a Genoese Ship, arrives at Curaçao for Slaves, 210.
Sta. Martha, a Spanish Vessel taken off, x.
St. Catharine, a Spanish Ship, trades at Curaçao, 157.
St. Jago de Cuba, the Dutch Trade to, 152.
St. John, Slaver, Journal of, 1; Wreck of the, 8, 13, 48; Information respecting the Capture of the Slaves on board the, 14; her loss announced to the Directors at Amsterdam, 147.
Schaeff, Henrick, N. P., 132.
Scharburgh, Edward, carries Slaves to Virginia from New Netherland, 111.
Scurvy, Slaves on the Passage from Guinea affected with, 213.
Ships, English, capture a Dutch Slaver, 92.
Sille, Nicasius de, 110, 189, 193.
Slaver, St. John, Journal of, 1; Wreck of, 8, 48; Arms of Amsterdam, Journal of, 87; captured by a Pirate, 93.
Slavery, History of the Introduction into New

Netherland of, xiii; in New Jerſey, xv; Benefits expected to be derived from, xx, xxi.

Slaves, firſt Introduction into the American Colonies of, vi; the Number of, brought into Brazil in four Years, viii; Prices of, in Brazil, xi; the firſt brought to New Netherland, xiii; to be brought to New Netherland from Brazil, xx; Benefit to be derived from, xxi; when regularly imported into New Netherland, xxii; to be kept in New Netherland, and ſupplied to the Engliſh, xxv; Dutch trade in Africa for, 1, *et ſeq.*; Number of on board St. John, 5; Liſt of thoſe who died on the Paſſage, 10; a, jumps overboard the Slaver St. John, 11; Information reſpecting the Capture of the, on board the St. John, 14; Number of, captured by a Privateer, 31, 40, 65; ſuffer great Miſery, and die on the Paſſage for Want of Food, 47, 79; obtained at Loango, 91; to be conveyed to the Weſt Indies from Africa, 103; and to New Netherland, 104, 107: Duty on exported, 109; imported at New Amſterdam from Africa, carried thence without any Benefit to the Country, 110; exported from New Netherland to Virginia, 111; a Ship ſails from Medenblick for, 112; brought from Guinea to Curaçao, 143; ſent to New Netherland, 144; Receipt of a Spaniſh Trader for, 160; Draft of a Contract to import into New Netherland, 169; Inhabitants of New Netherland permitted to import, 172; ordered to be exported to the Engliſh Colonies, 184; Prices of, in New Netherland, 188, 197 (ſee *Prices*); Contract for a Cargo of, to be de-

livered in New Netherland, 194, 198; arrive at New Amſterdam from Curaçao, 205, 216; Ship Gideon brings 300 from Guinea, 211; affected with Scurvy, 213; arrive at New Amſterdam, 221, 224; (*See Negroes*).

Slave Ship, the firſt in New Netherland, xvi.

Slave Trade, Courſe of the Dutch, xiii; lies dormant, xvii; New Netherland never directly engaged in the African, xxvi; Horrors of the, xxviii; additional Papers relative to the Dutch, 99; the Dutch the chief Supporters of the, 104; at Curaçao, 121, 125, 126, 127, 129, 153, 154, 159, 210; the only Bait to allure the Spaniards to trade with the Dutch, 151; open to private Merchants, 167; Limits preſcribed to private Parties engaged in the, 170, 173; beneficial to Agriculture and Commerce, 185; to be encouraged, 186; the Amſterdam Directors engage in, 195, 198.

Sorilho, Capt. Pedro, 153.

Soutberg, Ship, captures a Cargo of Slaves, xi.

South River, Slaves purchaſed in Africa for the, 200.

Spain, the Dutch Weſt India Company commence Hoſtilities againſt, viii.

Spaniards invited to trade at Curaçao, 116, 118; propoſe to purchaſe Negroes there, 122; Slaves ſold at Curaçao to, 143; purchaſe Negroes at Curaçao, 153, 154; Receipt of, for Slaves, 160; Ceſſation of Hoſtilities againſt the, 230.

Spaniſh Main, Royalty on Negroes at the, 128.

Sparrow, Ship, brings Slaves to New Amſterdam, 205, 216.

Spera Mundi, Ship, 83; conveys Negroes to New Netherland, 140, 142, 162.
Steendam, Jacob, 175.
Steenwyck, Cornelius, 175.
Stevenſen, Oloff, 175.
Strycker, Jacob, 175.
Stuyve, Skipper Hans Marcuſſen, 14, 20, 23, 29, 49; his Veſſel taken by a Privateer, 32; his Affidavit, 35.
Stuyveſant, Skipper Hendrick Janſen, 216.
Stuyveſant, Director Peter, informed of the Loſs of the Slaver St. John, 84; Vice Director Beck promiſes him ſome luſty Negroes, 86; Letters of the Amſterdam Directors to, 99, 101, 103, 106, 167, 183, 198, 207; Negroes purchaſed for, 140, 144; acknowledges Receipt of Negroes, 163; inſtructed to ſell Negroes at public Auction, 168; three hundred Slaves conſigned to, 215; ſends Slaves to Curaçao to be ſold, 226.
Stuyveſant, Mrs., baptized Negro Children belonging to, ſent to Curaçao and ſold to Spaniards, 227.
Swedes build a Fort at Cape Corſe, 174.
Sweerts, Jan, & Co., allowed to carry a Cargo of Slaves to New Netherland, 107, 108.

TAMANDARE, Ship; (See *Amandaré*).
Tamarinds provided for Slaves, 2.
Tayſpil, Johan, 195.
Terneur, Daniel, 204.
Tobago, Iſland of, 7; Slaver St. John arrives at, 8, 47.
Trade to the Spaniſh Colonies not permitted, 115;

in Negroes, reſerved to the Dutch Weſt India Company, 143; (See *Slaves*).
Troxxilla, Pedro Diez, his Receipt for Slaves, 160.

UNITED States, the Dutch introduce Slaves into the Territory, now the, vi.

VALCKENBURCH, Johan, Director at Elmina, 1, 45, 64, 91, 228.
Van Baerle, David, 209.
Van Brugge, Carel, 205.
Van Brugh, Commiſſary, Slaves purchaſed for, 144.
Van Cortlandt; (See *Stevenſen*).
Van Cuelen, Leendert Jacques, Aſſiſtant Commiſſary on board the Slaver Arms of Amſterdam, 89.
Van Dort, Admiral, Operations of, ix.
Vande Griſt, Paulus Leendertſen, 175, 204.
Vander Kemp, Dr., 104.
Vander Veer, Hendrick Janſen, 175.
Van Diemen, Claes, Death of, 2.
Van Eſs, Balthazar, 120.
Van Gaelen, Jan, Affidavit of, 14; taken Priſoner, 35, 51, 55.
Van Heuſſen, Jaſper, 1.
Van Ool, Cornelis, Price paid for Negroes by, 164.
Van Ruyven, Laurence, 144, 162.
Van Ruyven, Secretary, Slaves purchaſed for, 144.
Van Tienhoven, Cornelis, Secretary of New Netherland, 100.
Verleth, Nicolas, 204.
Verveelen, Johannes, 175, 204.
Vincent, Adriaen, 205.

Virginia, the Dutch introduce Slaves into, vi, vii; private Dutch Ships not allowed to trade to, xv; a Dutch Slaver carried into, xxix, 94; a Veſſel arrives at New Amſterdam from, 95; a crazy Negro ſent from New Amſterdam to, 182.

WEST India Company, Dutch, eſtabliſhed, vii; promiſes to ſupply New Netherland with Blacks, xiv; Dullneſs of the Slave Trade injurious to the, xvii; reſolves to ſupply the Colonies with Slaves, xxv; reſerves to itſelf the Trade in Negroes, 143; ſends a Cargo of Slaves to Curaçao, 228.

Weſt Indies, Dutch Merchants authorized to convey Slaves to the, 103; Hoſtilities againſt the Spaniards in the, ordered to ceaſe, 230.

Wheat, raiſed in New Netherland, xviii; Price of, 203.

Willet, Thomas, 204; permitted to export Negroes, 225.

Wilmerdonx, Abraham, Director of the Weſt India Company, 132, 194.

Willree, Jacob Direkſen, Skipper of the Ship Catarina, brings Slaves from Guinea, 228.

Witſen, C., 186.

Wittepaert, Direk Pieterſen, ſends a Cargo of Slaves to New Netherland, 107, 108.

Wittepaert, Ship, xxiv; ſent to Africa for Slaves for New Netherland, 107, 108; arrives in New Netherland from Guinea with Negroes, 110.

Women, Number of, who died on board the Slaver St. John, 12.

Wreck of the Slaver St. John, 8, 48.

YOUNG Brindled Cow, the Bark, ſent to ſave the Slaves wrecked at Rocus, 22, 50, 57.
Young Oſtrich, a Dutch Veſſel, captured by a Rover, 71.

ERRATA.

P. 73, Line 2, for *Jan* read *Jacob.*
205, " 1, for *Cousseau,* read *Cousseau.*
221, " 5, for 1694, read 1664.

New York Colonial Tracts.

Number IV.

Letters of Isaac Robin.

LETTERS

OF

Isaac Bobin, Esq.,

PRIVATE SECRETARY OF

Hon. GEORGE CLARKE,

Secretary of the Province of New York.

1718-1730.

ALBANY, N. Y.:
J. MUNSELL, 82 STATE ST.
1872.

LETTERS

OF

ISAAC BOBIN.

Anthony Barry to Isaac Bobin.

LONDON, *August ye* 4th 1718.

My Dear Bobin

I HAD the favour of both Your's of the 20th of November and 31ſt of May, which were not a little welcome to me, the latter I got but Yeſterday. Though I was not at *Dublin* when the firſt came, I delayed but little time till I ſent your friends

there the ſubſtance of it, which I am perſwaded they were glad to ſee. I am heartily concerned at the melancholy Story of your Voyage but ſince it's over, cannot but congratulate You on your Arrival and the kind reception You have mett with from Your Relation there, & hope you will e'er long reap the benefit of Your going.

Warner was mightily diſappointed of having a Commiſſion in *Wade's* Regiment, which is ſince *Hawley's*, for the preſent Colonel is a Man little beloved, and One of a very odd Temper, however by chance he got One in Brigadier *Borr's* Regim^t of Marines, to be a Second Lieutenant, which is only Enſign's Pay, they laid at *Gallway* when We left *Ireland;* I cannot but take notice to You, that for Some time before he got it, he was at a Loſs

for Your Aſſiſtance to help him out with a Memorial now and then to My Lord Lieut: which out of a friendſhip to You (he being one as you reſpected) I did with a great deal of Pleaſure, but when he got his Buſineſs done, and was commanded to Quarters, did not ſo much as thank me or take his leave of me, or any other of Your friends ab^t^ the Office.

I came to *London* in April laſt (and as Sudden as We came before) with Mr. *Budgell* he is very kind to me & I doubt not but will be my very good Patron[1] I did (as you deſired) preſent Your humble Reſpects to him, which he took very kindly & aſked heartily after you. Monſ^r^ *Duranc* is with us & gives his kind Service to You.

We had great Alteration in the Secretary's Office ſince You left this

Country, for when the Duke of *Bolton* was there, Mr. *Towers* was ill of a fever about thirteen weeks, and was Several times thought paſt recovery, during which time I officiated in the Office for him, and when he recovered he left it and came hither, at which time Mr. *Budgell* put me into the Office at £30 ℞ Annum, where I continued about a Quarter, and then he coming to *London* brought me with him; Since Our being here Mr. *Webſter* (Chief Secry to the Duke of *Bolton*) have inſtead of Mr. *William Budgell's* acting as Secry to the Lords Juſtices, appointed Mr. *Maddocks* (a friend of his) to act, and Sent Over a Young Gentleman from hence to be in my Place in the Office; Notwithſtanding this, I doubt not, but Mr. *Budgell* will in a ſhort time out top *Webſter* and all other his Adverſaries.

Betty Lovell ſhould have been Marryed to One Mr. *Wallett* (whom you have often heard her Name) in January laſt, nay ſhe reported herſelf that She was So, and went by the Name for ſome time, but whatever the matter was, the Match was ſpoil'd, She broke off with him, and was abſent for about two months that neither her Mother nor Siſters knew where She was, and Juſt as We came to *London*, She came to Light again, and is lately marryed to One Mr. *Vanderhagen* a Land-ſkip Drawer, with whom She lives very happily, he is a very ſober man, a handſome man and a good huſ-band, So I think after all ſhe may be thankfull to her ſtars.

Mr. *Elliot* is out of Buſineſs, and where I can't tell, for I have not ſeen him theſe two Months, but if I do ſhall Shew him thoſe Parts of Your Letters that mention him.

I wrote to Mr. *Heath* about the Hats You mention in Your former Letter for him to Send you, but never received a Line from him relating to them, waiting for which, was the occaſion I did not anſwer it ſooner, but ſince Yours of the 31ſt of May came before I anſwered the other, I hope you will excuſe my anſwering them both in One, which I am afraid will tire Your Patience in peruſing, but ſince it is but ſeldom, that an Opportunity Serve for Our hearing from One another, I am perſwaded You will paſs by that fault; And I do aſſure You, it is my hearty Deſire, that We may keep up a Conſtant Correſpondence, and that as often as poſſible.

Billy Dowell is married to a Young Woman that was a By Blow of My Lord *Southwell's*, One of the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*,

who when You were there was only Sir *Thomas Southwell*, I believe My Lord gave him £3 or 400 and I fancy will put him in ſome Employment in the Cuſtom houſe.

I am at a great Loſs here for want of Your Company, which would very much add to my Satiſfaction, but when I conſider the advantage Your abſence from hence will be of to You I content Myſelf in ſome meaſure & recommend You to the care of the Omnipotent. I am

Dear Bobin

Your ſincere friend

& humble Servt

ANTHONY BARRY.

P. S. Since my writing this Epiſtle, Mr. *Budgell* has deſired me particularly to give his Service to You which is a Sign that You are in his favr.

I defire you would continue Your Directions to me under Mr. *Belcher's* Cover.

The *D:* of *Bolton* is ſtill Ld Lieu^t^ & the talk about y^e^ *D:* of *Newcaſtle* is over.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

LONG ISLAND, *Octr* 4th 1718.

Hon^d^ Sir.

I HAVE paid Mr. *Barberie* The two Warrants for which I have taken the incloſ'd receipt.

My preſumption in going abroad too ſoon has been the Motive of my often thinking of what yor honour told me; I ſhall take care for the future not to be ſo bold.

My long abſence from the Office makes me very uneaſy, But hope in a few days to be able to attend

it, I'm brought low my diſtemper having been very ſevere. My hand is ſo weak that I cant be ſo prolix as I could wiſh to expreſs the ſence of my duty as I ought to him who I hope will do me the Juſtice to believe that I am

Hon^d Sir

Your dutifull
and moſt
Obedient humble
Servant
I. Bobin.

To *George Clark* Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Febry the 6th, 171$\frac{8}{9}$.

Hon^d Sir

UPON Receipt of yor Letter of the 28th of Janry laſt I went to Mr. *Wileman* and in regard to

Yor Inſtructions preſſ'd him for Yor Accots who gives his Service to you and beggs yor farther patience for they ſhall be ready in a few days I ſhall not let often calling for 'em be wanting, and ſo ſoon as they come to my hands ſend 'em you.

I ſent yor Letter to Mr. *Alexander* at *Amboy* where he is with the Governour, and dont expect him home before the Latter End of this Month or beginning of next. In Obedience to Yor Commands is Incloſed yor Quarterly Warrants wch till now I had not an Oppertunity to ſend.

As to Yor Office you need not be afraid it ſhall ſuffer either prejudice or delay, it will not Appear that ever I have been negligent in doing my duty or that ever I made a ſlight of buſineſs relating thereto on the

Contrary have not nor ſhall be wanting in my Endeavours to keep buſineſs ſo that it run not behind hand, Nevertheleſs meet with ſmall Encouragement, Mr. *Alexander* laying Claim to the little Perquiſites I make of the marryage Lycences, but don't doubt you'll ſet that matter right (when you come to Town) it being ſo unreaſonable and as I'm informed what has never been practiced by his Predeceſſors and wch if he keeps cant propoſe to go the Circuits and to ſubſiſt on a Stipend of twenty pounds ℔ Ann. The Perſon that inform'd you I was at my Uncles thoſe days you mention is under a miſtake and hope you'll do me the Juſtice to believe it as ſuch And that I am with great truth and Reſpect

Sr

Yours &c.

I. Bobin.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
February the 16*th* 171$\frac{8}{9}$.

Hon^{d} Sir.

BEING Apprehenſive of your fear of the Small Pox in your family, have preſumed to ſend the encloſed Remedy of Dr *Samuell Wilday* which I hope will meet with your honour's kind acceptance (which if it does will anſwer my wiſh) having nothing more at heart than the welfare of your honour and family, being with great truth and Reſpect.

Sir

Your moſt humble
and moſt obed^{t} Servant
I. Bobin.

I hear from *Amboy* that the Govr is recover'd from his late Indiſpoſition.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
November the 17th 1719.

Hond Sir.

INCLOSED is the Act of Assembly (wch I take by the Purport of your Letter to be the Act you want) had your Letters come sooner to hand your Commands had been obey'd before this But flatter myself you'll do me the Justice not to believe any omission on my side, or that my diligence has been wanting to forward what you so Earnestly desired, I have sent by *Will* all the other matters you Requested, Excepting Oat meal wch was not to be got in Town As to Beer Cyder &ca Mr. *Schuyler* tells me he hopes to send the Latter End of this week, as Mr. *Schuyler* has sent you a Letter

to day, *Will* dont doubt but he has ſatiſfyed you as to that therefore believe I need ſay no more on that Head.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Jany 2d 1719.

Hon. Sir

I MAKE uſe of this opportunity to Congratulate you your good Spouſe and Madm *Hyde* on the New Year ardently wiſhing it may be followed by many others in health proſperity and pleaſure — having nothing more at Heart than the welfare of your Honour and family.

The preſident tells me he has received a Letter from Coll. *Rutſen* wherein he mentioned the Receipt of the Patent and that he ſhall be here in the Spring and make all matters eaſy on that ſcore.

I ſend herewith according to your Orders by Mr. *Nicolls* 1 p^{s} Brown Ozanbrigs q^{t} 55 Ells at 18^{p} D^{o} Broad Garlix N° 33 £4 5 12 pound of Nails Six pound Double tens and Six pound of Single tens at 10*ſ* ½*d* ℔ pound 2 Oz of Parſely ſeed 1 Ounce of Cabbage Lettice ſeed As to Onion, Garden Beans and Savory ſeed I cant get but ſhall make farther Enquiry and ſend by the firſt opportunity.

Mr. *Schuyler* will uſe his Utmoſt Endeavour in getting of Oats as mentioned in your Letter. He tells me has been ſeveral times with Mr. *Hooper* for that Money and as urgent as poſſible, but has not as yet received it but ſo ſoon as it comes to his hands ſhall pay it where you were pleaſed to order it.

I ſhall as you are pleaſed to Command me call often on Mr. *Wileman*

for your Accounts but as the Xmas is not yet over

Capt *Goelet* arrived this day from *Amſterdam* after a long Paſſage of Sixteen Weekes but has as I can learn brought no News worth your Judicious Obſervation, therefore ſhall conclude as I really am with all due Reſpect.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Jany 21ſt 1719.

Sr

I RECEIVED yours of the 14th Inſt to day, as to what you hint relating to the Patent I ſhall not be remiſs in obſerving Capt *Jarrate* has made his Return of Survey and to Day was brought by Mr. *Sharpas* to the Office with a Petition in Order to be laid before the Council,

but have not had any ſince the 24th of Decr laſt, The preſident having been Indiſpoſ'd but tells me he deſigns to call a Council to morrow, So ſoon as preſent I will take care to Execute your Commands.

it being late when yours came to hand and the bearer in haſte had not time to get a Pen knife, therefore have ſent you mine, wch I hope you will find fit for your purpoſe— As to the reſt mentioned I ſhall uſe my utmoſt Endeavour in getting them as ſoon as poſſible.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Sr

I RECEIVED yours of ye 1st Inſtant by the hands of Monſr *Fauconnier*, and in regard thereto have promiſed to let him have ſome

moneys by the latter End of next Week, hoping by that time to raiſe ſuch a ſume as may anſwer yours and his Expectations upon wch hee ſeemed ſatisfyed I ſhall not be wanting to uſe my utmoſt Endeavour and diligence in perfecting the ſame.

The Moneys now in my hand being ſmall could not conceive it would be of any ſervice to offer him any at this Juncture, was the motive of my Referring it till the time as before Expreſſed.

I have likewiſe received yours of the 3d inſt. and ſend herewith 4 doz of Coat Buttons at 4/ ℔ doz & Do of Waſt Coat at 2/ being the ſmalleſt and beſt I could get, as alſo two Doe ſkins at 6/ each 12 pound of Chocolate at 20/ and two Pack of Cards 3/ it being late in the Day and the Weather bad when I received yours had not time to

get the ſeeds, but do deſign to ſend 'em by the next Convenience wth the five Buſhells of peas you wrote for, wch I doubt not but you'll find good. As to Garden Beans I have been ſeveral Places and can't meet wth any yet but ſhall make further Inquiry.

As to the Children's Cloaths, your Servant as ſhould have been the bearer of y^r^ letter not coming near me, but ſending it by *Will*, my Hands were tyed as to that affair, but having rec^d^ a note from Mrs. *Ludlow* ſignifying her want of money to be neceſſary, for that purpoſe, ſent in Anſwer that I was ſorry I could not Comply wth her requeſt, but that if ſhe would buy the things ſhe wanted I would take care the money ſhould be paid upon wch ſhe ſeemed affronted, Nevertheleſs offered to buy them myſelf

provided ſhe would let me know what ſhe wanted, but I was not worthy an anſwer.

I ſend incloſed your Pen knife wch I got mended by the man near the Wind Mill.

Yor Patent met with no obſtruction and is near compleated, it being now Ingroſeing and will ſo ſoon as paſt the ſeal obſerve your directions relating thereto.

I am

Yours &c.

I. B.

February ye 3d 1719.

The Veſſell for *London* is not yet ſailed, But 'tis thought will by the End of this week.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
June the 17th 1720.

Hond Sir.

I RECEIVED yours of the 15th by *Riche* this morning, I ſend by him, Wine, Rum, Canary and what elſe you were pleaſed to order. Sir, *Riche* being in haſte and the Councill going to ſett, has prevented my deſign in Sending you an Acct of the particulars I ſent by him the laſt Trip.

I ſhall uſe my utmoſt Dilligence in getting what money I can, and ſhall obſerve what you tell me concerning your Warrants which are not as yet ſigned but will be to Day.

As to News there is very little, Capt *Smith* is fallen down to the

Watering Place in order to ſaile for *London* in the afternoone, I paid him two Guineas and took his Receipt wch I incloſ'd in Mr. *Worſams* as you Directed and put it in the Bagg at Mr. *Sharpas's* together with the reſt of yor Letters. Capt *Pearce* upon ſome words ariſing between him and his Lieut. has ſuſpended him and Confin'd him in his Cabbin.

Coll. *Rutſen* has been in Town, and tho' I had not received your Letter before his Departure, I acquainted him of the ill Conſequences that might attend his Delaying to have the Patent of *Hurly* Compleated, the Preſident did the like upon which he promiſed to wait on me at the Office in order to ſettle that affair but has left the Town without coming near me I believe the occaſion of it is the want of Money.

I have not received your Fees for the Patent of *Cornelius Low* altho' I am as preſſing as poſſible.

Capt. *Ouvery* is dayly Expected from *London.*

I hope agriculture and Horticulture thrive. I am &c

Yours

I. Bobin.

George Clarke Eſq^r

Edward Hyde to Iſaac Bobin.

Dear Mr. *Bobin*

I HAVE ſent ye Taylor to you and beg ye favor that you will ſend Mr. *Reynolds* for to Buy ſome Cloath pray let it not be Coarſe, I ſhall be at your Office to morrow and Excuſe this from

Your moſt
humble Servt
Edwd Hyde.

Friday 1 Clock.

pray ſend me word if Mr. *Clarke* as ſent down my Bill

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

June ye 24th 1720.

Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 20th by *Riche*, and ſend herewith by him what you tell me was wanting vizt 34 & ½ Gallons of Molaſſes at 2*ſ* pr Gallon, three Gallons of Whale Oyle at 4*ſ* ℔ Gallon wch being ſcarce was all I could get. 3. Buſhells of Salt at 3*ſ* & 6*d* ℔ Buſhell a piece of ſtriped Silk Muſlin at 5*d* bought at Mr. *Franks*.

As to Beef Mr. *Schuyler* promiſed me he would take care to ſend by this opportunity therefore dont doubt but he'll give you an acct.

Mr. *Gathehouſe* preſents you his humble Duty, and deſired me to acquaint you that he'll go about makeing more garden ſticks and is very glad you like thoſe he has ſent, but is ſorry that he forgot to Pitch the Bottoms to prevent there rotting but ſhall take care to do it to next ſtakes he makes I ſhall obſerve what you tell me Concerning fruit when Veſſells Come in. Capt. *Ouvery* arrived here Yeſterday after a Paſſage of Ten Weeks from the *Lizard Point*. The Preſident receiv'd a letter from Brigd^r *Hunter* dat. 26th of March laſt, in wch he informs him as he did in his former that he is perfectly recovered of his late Indiſpoſition, and that he hopes to be here ſoon, but can't be punctual as to what time he ſhall take his Departure his private and Publick affairs taking up ſo

much of his time — this is the purport of his Letter as the Preſident tells me.

Capt. *Ouvery* Reports that Mr. *Burnet* is appointed Govr of this Province but what grounds he has for the news can't tell.

I ſend incloſed two Letters wch Mr. *Sharpas* gave me this Morning to forward to You I gave yor Letters to him for *Boſton*. Wedneſday laſt a ſoldier belonging to Coll. *Weems* Compa. was drowned in the North River, by going to his Canoe wch was afloat by the Riſing of the Tide, he was hardly got up to his Sholders before he Sunck, Some believe he was hurt by a Shark — others that it was the

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. Y., Secry's Ofeice,
July ye 22d, 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE receiv'd yours of the 16th by Mr. *Nicholls* I must Confess 'tis a Error my not sending you an Acc^t of the things I send by *Riche*, but for the future shall be punctuall in & observing your Directions therein & for yor satisfaction send now an acc^t of things I sent by him last Trip & there prices as follows (vizt) a Doz pd. of Chocolate 1℔ 2*s* 12 pound of soap 7*s* 8*d* 1 Sive 2*s* a Roap of Onions one Sh. 12p^d starch & Bagg. 10*s* 6*d* 4 Bottles of Lime Juice 11*s* 2 Barrills Lamb Black 1*s* The Rum you mention I shall send by *Riche* with 200 of Limes I have not had 'em from

Mr. *Harriſon* but got them from a friend, and as often as I get any will ſend.

I ſpoke to Mr. *Schuyler* concerning your Fire ſtones being Broke, who tells me he is certain that when they were deliver'd to *Riche* they were all whole but was apprehenſive that ſome accident would happen to them in ye unloading, he beliveing the Tackleing of his Boat was not ſtrong enough or fit for that purpoſe and gave him a Caution to take care.

I received your Letter of the —— by Mrs. *Grace Sewell*, I ſend by her a p^r of ſilk ſtockings at 19*ſ* 6 yards of Calicoe 1*ſ* 6*d* a p^r of Cizors 1*ſ* Whale Bone 3 & to

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
July the 26*th* 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED your Letter of Yesterday p^r Mr. *Holland*, with not a Little trouble and Concern to perceive you ſhould think yourſelf impoſed on by me in the charge or price of things bought for you, I ſhould be very ſorry you ſhould ſuffer any prejudice or injury on that ſcore or any other, if ſo 'tis not knowingly to me and is reverſe to my inclination, I have been obliged ſome time, when my time would not permit me to take a Circuit through the Town to buy things, and yor occaſions for 'em urgent, To Confide in *Reynolds* &

hope he has done me juſtice, as to what is mention'd in relation to Chocolate it is not to be bought und^r 22/ tho' I know as you remark I have had it at Dugdales at 20/ but he has not any left and if he had could not afford it und^r Cocoa being advanced in it's price—as to Soap and Starch if I am impoſed on they were bought at one Pelletrous near Mr. *Jordains*, When you come to Town if you require it the man ſhall be brought before you to Clear that point. And as to the other things I ſhall do the like.

The Rum ſent by *Riche* is 12 Gallons and is by thoſe who pretend to underſtand it eſteem'd to be very good, the price is 4/ ℔ Gallon if it be not likt it it will be taken again—I bought it upon y^t Condition.

According to yor ord^r I have paid Mrs. *Stollard* 5 pound and taken her receipt for the ſame. I have been with *Joſeph Latham* concerning the Note of Mr. *Nicholls* in your favour, who tells me the money is not due before the firſt of May next Nevertheleſs if he had money in his Hands woud advance it which he will be ready to do as ſoon as he has ſold a ſhip belonging to him, and ſays you may be aſſured it ſhall be the firſt paid, but ſeems to inſiſt upon the reward promiſed. S^r I cannot conclude without begging leave to take notice of a Hint in your Letter That among Trading men I ſhould be ill thought of. I I can't tell how I might be Deemed in the Eye of my Country But very well know my Conſcience void and free from any Male-practices whatſoever ſo that I can (if occaſion be)

the better vindicate my Innocence on that Head. I return you thanks for your kind Cautions, wch I ſhall obſerve and ſhall ever make it my ſtudy to merit your good Opinion, and hope you'll do me the Juſtice to believe me to be as I really am with the greateſt regard

Hond Sir

Yours &c

I. Bobin.

I ſent by *Riche* Mr. *Hydes* Wigg the price is 4*ſ* 10*d* he'll take it again if not approved of at that price.

To *George Clarke* Eſqr

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
July the 30th 1720.

Sr

I HAVE received this day your letter of Yesterday, by *Will.*

As soon as it came to hand I went to Mr. *Hoopers* he was not at home I spoke to his spouse upon ye subject matter of yr letter relating to a Negro, she tells me they have not any negro's to dispose off, but expect some from the West Indies every Day.

Mr. *Schuyler* is not in Town so can say no more at present on that Head but shall make Inquiry as you direct and let you know When I find one I think may suit you wch I shall do without delay — As to what things Capt. *Smith* delivered me belonging (as he told me) to

Mr. *Hyde* were as follows (to wit) an Old pr of Britches Weaſt Coat and Rugg The Rugg I made uſe of to Rap the Burois(?) and other things I ſent to the *Plains*, ſome time ago ꝑ *Cæſar;* the other I have put in a obſcure place in the Office.

I ſhall be punctuall in taking notice of your Commands concerning Mr. *Burnets* arrival here and will not be wanting to forward an Expreſs ſo ſoon as I hear of his approach.

I will Endeavour to manage the beſt I can with *Jos. Latham.*

Capt *Moulton* 'tis thought will ſaile for *London* the Latter end of next week.

I ſend herewith a pr of gray Stockings at 10/ which I hope will fit, if not may be returned, and ſhall for the future buy nothing but

upon that Condition, ſo y^t if you ſhould think I am impoſed on in the prices know what to do, but will Endeavour to prevent if poſſible that trouble.

There's no news in Town but Our Dayly Expectation of Mr. *Burnet*, and have nothing more to add but my hearty wiſhes for the health and proſperity of your Family Being with all Due Reſpect

Sir &c.

I. Bobin.

Geo Clarke Eſq^r.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. York, *Aug^t* 2^d 1720.

Hon^d Sir.

I RECEIVED to day your Letter of Yeſterday by the Hands of *Brazier*, I have been wth Capt *Van-*

brugh who arrived here on Sunday laſt from *Barbadoes*, he has brought wth him four Negroes, two Men & two Women, but has only a man he can recommend as a real good ſlave, and believes will ſuit you, he underſtands Cookery, and knows how to wait at Table, and in all manner of Houſehold Affairs is no ſtranger, he is a Luſty Negro aged about 30 years, has lived with a Gent. in *Barbados* who falling under unhappy Circumſtances was obliged to ſell him, but not for any miſdemeanour he ever Committed, The loweſt price he tells me is 55 pounds ready money — otherwiſe will not diſpoſe of him — as to ſending the Negro up in the Country upon Tryall he ſeem not willing, but is ready to leave him at any Gent^s^ Houſe in Town as you think your friend upon liking for 7 or 8 days,

and defires your anfwer as foon as poffible.

Simon the Jew dont expect his fhip from *Guinea* before late in the fall

The Paper I mentioned to you was by miftake left behind but fhall fend it with the Chequered Linen by *Riche*.

Ifaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Augt the 6th, 1720.

Sr

I SEND by *Riche* a Barrell of Porke at three pounds two and fix pence it being fcarce could not get it under, the Man I bought it off was Mr. *Painter'd* who warrants it to be good Mr. *Jonneau* had not any he could recomend 11⅜ yard Checquer'd Linen at 3/ £1. 14. 10¾

12 Gallons of Molaſſes at 2*ſ*; a Buſhel of Peas at 6*ſ*. I have paid *Dirk Mott* 3 pound fifteen ſhillings, and by whom I have ſent 2 doz. and a half of Limes and 1 q^r of fine Paper & 2 of Courſe.

I hope you received my Letter concerning the Negro.

S^r I beg you'll excuſe my Brevity the Councill juſt a going to ſett and *Riche* in haſte, The Preſident will go for *Albany* Tueſday next, Capt. *Moulton* will Saile for London the Latter End of next Week.

I am &c.

I. Bobin.

George Clarke Eſq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
August the 11th 1720.

Hond Sir

I RECEIVED Yesterday by *Riche* your Letter of the 8th instant, by which I find the Negro of Capt *Vanbrugh* will not suit for am told as to matters belonging to the field he is a stranger having been intirely brought up to affairs of the house so have let that Drop, Mr. *Schuyler* who is come to Town jnforming me that Vessells are dayly expected from the West Indies with Negros, and shall not be slack in useing his utmost Endeavours to get one he thinks may suit your purpose, therefore beggs your patience till then.

The President designs to go for *Albany* to morrow morning. His

Majeſties Ship *Kinſale* is fallen down to the Wattering Place in order to Saile for Great Britain. Capt *Moulton* will ſaile very Speedyly for *London*.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Auguſt 22d 1720.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received your Letters of the 13th and 18th jnſtant, I ſend now by *Riche* a Caniſter of Bohea Tea at £1 14*ſ* Candles the like Quantity as before, Cloves ¼ of a Pound at 7*ſ* a Sive or Ridle for lime at 2*ſ* 3*d* & a piece of Diaper 12 Yards £1 14*ſ*. I could not find any in Town of a greater Quantity to the ps except at Mr. *Barberies* where I found Lawn of 60 Yards

to the p^s but Believed that would not ſuit if this I have ſent ſhou'd not be likt it will be taken again, I could not find any Garlick in Town, As to a Negro Mr. *Schuyler* and I Wee have uſed Our utmoſt Endeavour to get one, Capt *Hopkins* has one to diſpoſe off but Mr. *Schuyler* thought him off too high a price being 50 pounds the loweſt and would not let go from his houſe on Tryall So muſt have patience till Veſſells come in I could not perſwade *V. Brugh* to ſend his Negro to the *Plains* I have delivered Your Letters to Mr. *Fauconnier* and Mr. *Sharpas* and p^d *Blake* five pound as ordered &

I am yours
I. Bobin.

To *George Clarke.*

F

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Augt 29th 1720.

Hon^{d} Sir.

I HAVE received your Letter of the 26th jnſtant by the Hands of Mr. *Nicholls* and am glad to hear the Diaper I ſent was well liked but on the other Hand ſorry it was not the ſort Mad^{m} *Clarke* intended. *James Martin* has been with me with the Note you mention, I have promiſed to pay it when due upon which one Aſhton in Town has given him credit for Leather, he was at Mr. *Schuylers* but did not find any Leather there to ſuit his purpoſe.

As to the Note drawn in favour of *Jordain* Capt. *Walton* upon *Jordains* Endorſing it has accepted it from him as Caſh and is very well

ſatisfyed with payment thereof in Eight or tenn Days.

I ſhall obſerve what you tell me concerning the Sallary Warrants and will Endeavour if poſſible to finiſh with the Lawyers, but have no hopes of Compleating matters with thoſe Gent^s I have writt to Coll *Rutſon* informing him of the ill Conſequence of leaving the Patent of *Hurley* un Recorded &c^a but have not heard from him ſince I will take care of Returning the Lottery Ticketts, and the delivery of yor Letter to Coll *Heathcote* as likewiſe to ſend by *Rich* the things by you ordered

To Mr. *Clarke*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, *August* 31*st* 1720.

Sr

I SEND by *Riche* 3 Bushells of Salt at 3*s* and 6*d* ℔, 6 yards of Ozinbriggs 8*s*, 4 Ropes of Onions 4*s* ¼ lb Nutmegs 6*s* Garlick which I got of a French Man from *New Rochell* there is little above a pound. I hope Mr. *Nicholls* has acquainted you that I have paid him 10*s* above what was ordered in your Last, I was backward in doing it but as he prest me to stretch a point dont doubt but he will do me the Justice to tell you of the same.

I shall send you in my next an Account of what money I have paid him, there is no News in Town since my Last, I am with Respect &c.

Is Bobin.

To Mr Secry *Clarke*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, *Sept.* 6th 1720.

Hon^d Sir

SINCE my last to you of Yesterday I have received Yours of 2^d ℔ *Riche*, that wch came Inclosed I after Reading & Sealing Delivered as Directed. Mr. *Jansen* has given me the Patent of *Hurly* in order to be Recorded, and tells me that by the first opportunity he ll write to Coll *Rutsen* to hasten him to Town so that matters relating to y^t affair may be compleated and every thing made Easy on that score I will take Care to observe the Caution you give me touching the said Patent, as I shall always do the like in every thing else that may be hinted, I send now by *Riche* 6¼ ℔ of New Tarr'd Rope inch & ½ at 7½*d* being ten Fathom bought at Mr. *Dugdales*,

As to *Albany* ſtale Beer I cant get any in Town, ſo was obliged to go to *Rutgers* where I found none Older than Eight Days I was backward in ſending ſuch but *Riche* telling me you wanted Beer for your workmen and did not know what to do without have run the hazard to ſend two Barrls at £1 16*ſ.* the Barrls at 3*ſ.* ℔ ps 6*ſ.* *Rutgers* ſays it is extraordinary good Beer and yt racking it off into other Barrls wou'd flatten it and make it Drink Dead, I ſhall not inlarge any more on this Head by reaſon *Riche* will inform you further what was ſay'd and am with all due Regard.

Sr

&c

ISAAC BOBIN.

To Mr. *Clarke.*

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secry's Office,
Sept. 7th 1720.

Hond Sir

COLL *Heathcote* desired me to forward the inclosed and gave me a note of thirteen pounds drawn on Mr. *Van Dam* in your favour which he paid upon Sight You have herewith likewise an acct of the Ship *Swanswick*, and as Wee have no News in Town but what the American *Weekly Mercury* from *Philadelphia* tells us, I flatter myself my sending one by this Opportunity will meet with your kind acceptance wch that it may will be the ardent wish of him who's with Respect &c.

Isc Bobin.

I have not succeeded with the Lawyers.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Novr the 15*th* 1720.

Hon^d Sir

I SEND now by *Riche* the ſeveral particulars mention'd in your Letter of the 5th and 10th jnſt. except Braſs Buttons wch are not to be found in Town; incloſed is an account of the Coſt of Mr. *Hyde's* Clothes Trimming &c^a The Aſſembly its thought will break up Friday or Saturday next, I begg S^r you'll excuſe my Brevity my time not permiting to mention ye particulars of what I ſend. I will be Watchfull and Carefull in all things being with all due regard.

Hon^d S^r
&c.

Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.

Novr 23d 1720.

Sir

BY ye bearer hereof—I beg you will pay Six Shillings. I shall be down this week or next week foredest Captn *Pevice* as sent for me to Repair on board, I shall pay you when I am down and shall take it allwayes as an obligation done to your freind and

humble Servant
EDWD HYDE.

Elinoar Arnell ye Bearer.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
December ye 17*th* 1720.

Hon^d Sir.

I SEND now by *Riche* a Loaf of Suguar Seven pound and a q^r @ 2*s* ℔ pound, bought at Mr. *Loyds*, I have been at the Shoemakers for Mad^m *Clarke's* Shoes who tells me they'll not be finiſhed before Tueſday next, I have been likewiſe with *Sonmine* for Mad^m *Hyde* and Miſs *Molly's* Thimbls, they are not yet compleated but am promiſed them on Monday next without fail. I flatter myſelf Mad^m *Hyde* will not think my often calling for her Thimble and Miſs *Molly's* has been wanting. I have not as yet the forty pound in hand but expect to raiſe that ſum by Wedneſday or

Thurſday next. Mr. *Byerly* cannot help me having been diſappointed of money promiſed him on account of the Quit Rents—Nevertheleſs don't doubt to ſucceed otherways.

I hear Mr. *Hyde* has not been on ſhoar ſince you left the Town being confin'd on Board.

I hope the Roots &c may prove to content, and that agriculture and Horticulture may thrive mainly at the *Plains*, where I wiſh you, Mad^m^ *Clarke*, Mad^m^ *Hyde* and Little Famyly health proſperity and pleaſure being very ſincerely

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Jany 4th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hond Sir,

YOURS of the 30th of Decr last came to hand the 31st of the same Instant the Letter you sent inclosed I delivered to his Excellency who has not as yet given me any directions concerning the Commissions of appraziers &ca the many and frequent visits made him since the Holydays has not permitted him to consider of the same. I will as soon as I have his orders dispatch those for yor County; inclosed is a Coppy of *John Bridges* Comm. to be Surrogate I have been with Coll *Depeyster* in order to know when his accounts will be ready to be audited, who tells me he has not as

yet made any progreſs to that End, but deſigns to make a Beginning in a few Days, The time when they'll be Compleated cannot ſay. The Coll. ſeems under great concern.

I have received twenty four pounds thirteen Shillings of Mr. *Byerly*, wch Sume I now ſend you by Mr. *Nicholls*.

As to marble Tiles or there is none in Town Mr. *Cuyler* had ſome but

Iſaac Bobin to Michael Kearney.

New York, Secretary's Office,
January the 3d 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Sr

HIS Excellency commanded me to ſend you the Encloſed Proclamations and to ſignifye that the ſame Be Publiſhed in the uſuall manner without Delay, and further

that you forthwith ſend Circular Letters to the Sev[l] members of the Aſſembly accquainting them that his Excellency will be punctual in meeting them purſuant to the time mentioned in the ſaid Proclamations. I have nothing more to add but that I wiſh you a happy New Year and am with Reſpect

Your moſt Obedient
humble Servant
Is: Bobin.

Michael Kearney Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to Lewis Morris.

Secretary's Office, New York,
Janry 5th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hon[d] Sir

YESTERDAY in Collecting ſome Papers here for the file, the Ordinance for ſiting of the

Supream Courts of Judicature &c[a] which Reviv'd that in the Brigadier's time to the firſt of December laſt, came to Hand whereupon I had the ſuggeſtion for its Revival; I therefore take leave humbly to give yo[r] Honour the intimation that you'll pleaſe to conſider if it be of importance, that Courſe be taken for the continuance w[ch] your Honour can only well conceive what is appoſite to that purpoſe, with this and wiſhing your Honour a proſperous New Year I add that I am with all poſſible Regards.

Sir

Your Honours

Moſt humble and

Moſt Obed[t] Servant

I. B.

Lewis Morris Eſq[r] Moriſania.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
January ye 18*th* 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hon^{d} Sir

I RECEIVED yours of the 13th Current Saturday noon last and that Day sent over, as you directed, particulars as in the enclosed. Since I have met wth a p^{s} of sheeting *Holland* wch I hope will prove to liking it contains — Ells at —— and now gos under the Care of Mr. *Nicholls* as well to be supposed ye other mentioned things

What of Novelty occurred is that the Royal Prince Gally, Capt *Payton*, from *Amsterdam* & *Cowes* in nine Weeks Passage from the latter is arrived by whom is Advice that S. Sea Stock has bin ruinous to many in *England* and *Holland*, it being

200 at that Veſſels departure and would as beleeved then realy fall under the Par: To particularize on one of the Diſtreſſed is that Sr *Jos. Beck*, an Eminent Mercht, was quite bancrupt thereby. I have heard of a poetical ſimile upon the Fall of this Stock In wch thoſe wch ſucceeded therein are compared to *Moſes* paſſing the *Red Sea*, and thoſe unſuccesful nick't in the Rear to *Pharaoh's* Immerſion which followed. That Yatchs & Men of War were getting ready to attend His Majeſties Return And that there was a probability of Peace to be concluded with *Spain*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Janry ye 26th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hon^{d} Sir

HIS Excellency desired me to acquaint you That he has had the affair of Appraiziers &c for some time under his Consideration Yet cannot give Directions, or come to any Resolution relating thereto untill he sees you to discourse upon the subject matter of the Same.

In answer to yor Letters of the 21st and 25th Instant, I have been with Mr. *Wileman* who tells me that Mr. *Schuyler* has Executed the Deeds for your Land. Mr. *Gatehouse* tells me he will get ready by Easter the Pine apples for the Top of yor House as likewise the Garden Sticks, he knows not of any person

for the purpoſe you mention. I have ſpoke to Monſr *Fauconnier* concerning a French young man who will make it his buſineſs to find one he thinks may be more to your ſatisfaction, and let me know thereof. I ſhall obſerve what you write me concerning Bricks.

I have pd *Blake* 40*ſ* according to order and promiſed Payment of the £10 by the time Limited in yor Note Drawn in his favour, which I hope to perform tho' buſineſs in the Office is not ſo briſk as I could wiſh.

I am glad Madm *Clarke* upon opening the Linen likt it, It coſt no more than 4*ſ* 7½ an Engliſh Ell, and bought it upon Condition if not approv'd of to be taken back.

I ſend by *Blake* Parſely ſeed and Sellery ſeed.

The Govr propoſes to meet the

Aſſembly of y^e Jerſeys at *Burlington* the Twentyfirſt of February next, I dont hear what time he deſigns to go from hence — but as ſoon as I do ſhall let you know.

I am &c^a

Is BOBIN.

To *George Clarke* Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
February y^e 4th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hon Sir

ACCORDING to direction in yor Letter of Yeſterday, I been at Mr. *Wileman's* for the Deeds Mr. *Schuyler* has Executed, but did not ſee him by reaſon of his being much indiſpoſed with the Gout. I ſhall call there again and as ſoon as they come to hand get Mr. *Schuyler*

to acknowledge them and then Record them. I have been likewiſe with Coll *Depeyſter* who tells he has made a ſtep towards Compleating his Acc^ts^ but can't ſay when they'll be ready to be auditted.

I ſend now by Mr. *Maynard* a Pound of Bohea Tea and 3 Onz. of Sinage Red, as to a leading [line] *Dugdale* has promiſed to make one ready to ſend by next opportunity that offers, and at the ſame time will ſend Red beet ſeed. I don't hear as yet when the Govr Deſigns to ſet out for his Journey to *Burlington*. My not finding *Moſs* in his ſhop therefore can ſay nothing as to the Ax.

I am &c.

I Bobin.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.

Sir

I MUST beg ye favor you will send young Mr. *Pamerton* for my Old hatt wch the Bearer hereof will Bring; I ask pardon for putting you to this Trouble but am Certain Mr. *Bobin* will forgive his

Most humble Servt

EDW^D HYDE.

Phœnix Tuesday 9 aClock.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

February y^e 10th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hon^d S^r

HIS Exc^y acquainted me this Day that he designs to set out from hence for *Burlington* the middle of next week, and thought

proper I ſhould acquaint you of the ſame

I have paid Ten pounds to *Blake's* order according to promiſe, as likewiſe four pounds to *Bernardus Smith* for the uſe of *James Martin*, I have nothing more to add but that I am

Sr

Your moſt &c.

To *Geo. Clarke* Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
March the 1ſt 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hond Sir

I RECEIVED yeſterday your Letter of the 25th of February laſt. I have been with Mr. *Phillipſe* for a Copy of Brigadr *Hunter's* Inſtructions relating to Patent Officers who

has promiſed me a copy of the ſame to morrow, wch I will be Carefull in forwarding by the firſt Opportunity that offers with the other Copys you mention. Capt *Hopkins* Lottery was Drawn at the City Hall on Friday laſt therefore can ſay nothing as to the Ticketts.

This Morning about the Hour of One Coll *Heathcote* dyed ſuddenly (as is ſayd) of an apoplectick fit. As theres no News worthy notice in Town I have nothing more to add but that I am &c^a

I Bobin.

To *George Clarke* Eſq^r

Isaac Bobin to Govr Burnet.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
March y^e 6th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

May it pleaſe yor Excellency

THE incloſed on Thurſday laſt was Delivered me by a Boat Man from *Eſopus* for forwarding to your Excellency. Late laſt Tueſday Night occur'd the Death of Coll. *Heathcote* which was a ſudden ſurprize to the Generality here, I uſe Brevity herein thinking your Excellency ye this Poſt will receive it inlarged by Mr. *Hariſon*. I have imployed the opportunity which your Ex^cy's abſenſe has afforded in following yor Ex^cy's directions relating to the Office, humbly conceiving Sir that at your Return heither you will find it in ſuch Regularity as to receive yor Excellency's approba-

tion, for I am ſtudious of making myſelf worthy thereof, being with the greateſt regard,

Sr

Your Excellencys
Moſt humble and
Moſt Obedt Servant
Is Bobin.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
March ye 6th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hond Sir

THIS morning yours of yeſterday came to hand, I have been carfull in obſerving your directions relating to the ſeveral Letters you ſent incloſed, Mr. *Sharpas* has undertaken the forwarding them to his friend at *Boſton* and at the ſame time will mention to him the taking

the Maſters Receipt, or at leaſt to ſend word by what veſſell they goe; he does not doubt of his Correſpondent's care therein and of ſending them from thence to *England* in the firſt Veſſell.

Sr I have imployed the opportunity his Excellency's abſence has afforded me in following yor Orders concerning the Office, conceiving that at his Return heither it will be in ſuch Regularity as to Receive His Excellencys approbation, for I am ſtudious of doing that wch I think

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
March ye 11th 1720.

Hond Sir

INCLOSED is a Copy of Lord *Godolphins* Letter to Lord *Cornbury* to Reſtore Mr. *Byerly* as like-

wiſe a Copy of his Ex^{cys} Speech to the Aſſembly of the *Jerſeys*.

I have paid according to yor order of the 28th of Febry laſt Six pounds fourteen Shillings to *Jeremiah Smith*, and in purſuance of y^{t} of ye 10th Currant in favour of *John Gilliard* have bought him a piece of Garlix at four pounds fifteen ſhillings with wch he ſeems well contented.

S^{r} I have ſtrech'd a point to anſwer demands, and as buſineſs of the Office is not at Preſent ſo briſk as I could wiſh therefore deſire you'll give me time to Recruit, being at a low Ebb,—hope the ſame will be taken into Conſideration for I really am with all due Regard

S^{r} &c.

I. Bobin.

S^{r}

Your Deeds are Recorded.

there's much talk in Town of

his Excy and Mrs. *Mary Vanhorn* the Eldeſt Daughter of *Abraham Vanhorne.*

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, *March ye* 14th 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hond Sir

I EMBRACE the opportunity of Mr. *Mount's* going to the *Plains* to pay you Madm *Clarke* and Madm *Hyde* my humble regards and to let you know I received yours of Yeſterday ꝑ Mr. *Nicholls.* I will pay him as ſoon as poſſible your Note Drawn in his favour I ſhall not be wanting in my Endeavours to find out a Sober man to teach your children & ſo ſoon as I ſucceed therein will inform you thereof.

Mr. *Wileman* has promiſed without further delay to deliver me to

morrow morning ye Papers belonging to the Office, I have been very urgent and preſſing for the ſame, & ſhew'd him that part of yor Letter relating thereto. I omitted mentioning to you in my laſt that I could not find any mittens in Town to ſuit Miſs *Molly*. I have taken for you two Ticketts in *Lake's* Lottery the numbers are 35 & 36. I ardently wiſh ſucceſs may attend them and every thing elſe which concerns you being with ſincerity,

Sir &c.

I. Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. Y., *March ye 21ſt* 172$\frac{0}{1}$.

Hon^{d} Sir

ACCORDING to yor Requeſt I now ſend by *Blake* four quire of Fine writing Paper; as to Bohea Tea I have given it to good Mr. *Sharpas* who very readyly accepted of the care thereof, and has likewiſe for you a Letter delivered me by *Braſier* from *Eſoapas* for forwarding as directed,—Mr. *Sharpas* deſigns (God willing) to ſet out for the *Plains* to morrow morning about the hour of Nine.

Sr Nothing has occurred worthy notice ſince my laſt therefore ſhall conclude with my hearty wiſhes for the proſperity of your good Family and am &c. Yours

I BOBIN.

To *Geo Clarke* Eſq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. Y., Secry's Office,
March ye 25*th* 1721.

Hon^d Sir

YOURS of yesterday came to hand. I very well remember what you therein mention in Relation to the Thirty pounds to be allowed you by Col. *Schuyler* out of his Fees on the Patents of Mr. *Harison*, *Phillipse* &c^a I dont know of any Money he has received on y^t score. Mr. *Wileman* tells me there's some money in his Hands on that Acc^t and hopes to Compleat the Remainder in a few Days which as soon as done will settle that affair. I think myself on the safe side as to yor thirty pounds and should be heartyly sorry shou'd prove otherwise through my neglect.

As to the Patent of *Jeremiah Schuyler* and Comp[a] I will ſend you an acc[t] of the State thereof in my next and am with Reſpect

Yours &c.

I. Bobin.

To *Geo. Clarke* Eſq[r]

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S. O. New York, *Apl* 1, 1721.

Hon[d] Sir

I HAVE Received yours of Yeſterday ꝑ *James Jordain.* Incloſed is the ſume of two pounds; they are the ſmalleſt Bills I could get. I have paid Mr. *Nicholls* five pounds in part of yo[r] Note Drawn in his favour.

I can't ſay any thing as yet in Relation to the Patent of *Jeremiah Schuyler* and Comp[a] Mr. *Phillipſe*

being out of Town, The Aſſembly of this Province is further adjournd to the Nineth of May next.

I am yours &c.

I. Bobin.

To *Geo. Clarke* Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Apl 22d 1721.

Hond Sir

I HAVE ſent by *Riche* 4 Barls of Beef at £1. 16*ſ* each (Mr. *Delancey* pd the ſame price it being the beſt in Town) as likewiſe 12 ℔ of Chocolate £1 : 2*s* Hand Bruſh 1*ſ* Sweeping Bruſh 10*ſ*, ½ a Barl of Peas 18*ſ*, with the Bar'l; 12 Inch White Pine Boards 10*ſ* 3 ℔ of Whale bone 16*ſ* If any of the before mentioned particulars Shou'd

not prove to content they'll be taken again upon quick Return. If you approve of the Peas I will ſend another half Bar[l] by *Riche* Next opportunity. I have not bought any Ozinbrigs by reaſon they aſk 19*d* ℔ Ell and for that which is Courſe, the greatneſs of the Price I aſcribe to the Scarcity of it for want of Veſſells from *Europe*. The Bricks and Limeſtone *Riche* Referrs till the next Trip. *Riche* has likewiſe two Roots of Coronation Pinks given by Mr. *Bayeux;* I ſend now by *Anne Sheaf* your Servant, 4. ou of Nutmegs, one D[o] of Mace and two D[o] of Cloves.

S[r] Since you left the town We have not had Weather to Dry Snuff nor met with the good ſucceſs of geting Limes &c. but hope to ſucceed in both before another Opportunity offers.

Sr Buſineſs of the Office is very Dull and nothing occur'd worthy notice Since yor Departure hence. therefore Conclude as I really am &c.

Yours &c.
I. Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
April ye 26th 1721.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 24th Inſt. relating to *Ned Griffith;* the Moneys paid for nurſing his Child is four pounds ten ſhillings, being for five Months from the 24th of November laſt to ye 24th Inſt. by which it appears he is ovr paid Seven ſhillings and nine pence.

Sr I hope you have received my Letter of the 22d Inst. in which I have given an Acct of the several things sent ꝑ *Riche* whereby you'll perceive he has been Remiss in the not Delivering of the Boards, Whale Bone and Coronation Pink Roots. What else is wanting he referred yc taking till next Trip, I am with all due Regard Sr

Yours &c.

Is Bobin.

George Clarke Esqr.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secry's Office,
May yc 13th 1721.

Hond Sir

I RECEIVED yesterday by *Tom Hill* yours of the 11th Inst. and am glad the fruit met with your

kind acceptance as often as I get ſome will ſend. I am much obliged to Miſs *Molly* for her good wiſh and dont doubt but her pretty Genius will ſoon make her miſtreſs of her Pen.

Sr I ſend incloſed Mr. *Nicholls* Note as likewiſe your Quarterly Warrt and three pounds in ſmall Bills, I will Endeavour to compleat what you wrote me in Relation to the Patentees; heartily wiſh that affair Laye not ſo long Dormant — I Send now by *Tom Hill* two Buſhells of Salt at 2ſ ℔ Buſh and two Baſs, they begin to grow ſcarce.

Mrs. *Ludlow* tells me the Childrens Cloaths will be ready to Try next Monday come Seven night.

Sr The Govr arrived here from *Amboy* Monday laſt in ye afternoon and return'd there ye Wedneſday morning following; his making ſo

ſhort a ſtay I did not think proper to trouble you; he is expected back to morrow, I will ſend ꝑ next opportunity a Copy of the Speaches and Addreſſes during the ſitting of the Aſſembly of ye Jerſeys at *Burlington;* the Aſſembly here is adjourned till Tueſday next. There is no News in Town therefore concludes as I really am

&c.

I. Bobin.

George Clarke Eſqr.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
May ye 17th 1721.

Hond Sir,

I HAVE paid *Blake* yor notes of ye 16th of March laſt and the 15th Inſt. drawn in his favour.

Mr. *Wileman* paid me £15 on acc^{t} of the Patent of *Francis Harrifon* & Comp^{a} and the patents of *Philip Schuyler* & Comp^{a} and promifed me (as he has done often) to finifh wth the Patentees this week.

S^{r} I fend you inclofed a Copy of Speeches & addrefs during the fiting of the Affembly at *Burlington* &c^{a}

'Tis fayd great preparations are making for the match fo much talked of. Nothing of Novelty has occurd fince my laft therefore conclude as I really am with Sincerity

S^{r}

Yours &c.

Is Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Efq^{r}

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,
June y^c 5th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

AFTER a Paſſage of Eight weeks from *London* arrived here this Day the Ship *Beaver* wch brings no other news (as I can Learn) than the Death of the Duke of *Buckingham*, Earl *Stanhope*, Earl of *Gallway* and Mr. Secretary *Craggs*, as likewiſe the unhappy Circumſtances the People of *England* groan under by the Conduct of the South Sea Comp^ay

His Ex^cy delivered to me the Incloſed for forwarding and not knowing the conſequence of the ſame thought it my duty to Diſpatch the Bearer with the ſame hoping my readyneſs will be lookt on no other than that I am with all due Regard.

L

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
June ye 6th 1721.

Hon^d Sir.

ACCORDING to order, I have paid *Walter Jones* thirty Shillings and nine pence, And now ſend by him a pound of Bohea Tea twelve pound of ſtarch and a Paper of Ink Powder.

I am ſorry for your misfortune in breaking the Wheele of your Chaſe; But hope Mad^m *Clark* nor yourſelf have met with no hurt thereby, I will obſerve what you wrote me in Relation to Chariot Wheels, Lead &c^a.

Mad^m *Hyde* ſent me the incloſed for forwarding. Mr. *Hyde* ſeems under Concern for his paſt Conduct which he has promiſed to Regulate

for the future. I ardently wiſh he may hold his Reſolution. And am &c.

I. Bobin.

P. S. *Wm Elliſon*, Mas of the Sloop *Wm* will Sail for *London* about the middle of Next Week.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
June ye 15th 1721.

Hond Sir

HIS Excellency has Commanded me to acquaint you that he deſires you'll pleaſe to favour him with your preſence here this Week.

Before yours of the 16th Inſtant came to hand, I ſent by *Riche* Sixty Buſhells of Lime at 1/ ℔ Buſhell, As to Lathing Nails and Cedar Bolts

I ſhall ſend them by the firſt opportunity and will be mindfull of the Chariot Wheels.

Mr. *DeLancy* is not certain when the *Beaver* will ſail, but Believes the Beginning of next week. Capt *Smith* has promiſed to let me know ye certainty thereof in a day or two.

Laſt Council Day Capt. *Walter*, Coll *Beekman*, Mr. *Van Dam*, Mr. *Barberie* and Mr. *Phillipſe* or any three of them were appointed a Committee of the Aſſembly to Examin the late Treaſurer's Accounts and accordingly met at Coll *Depeyſter's* Houſe on Saturday laſt for that purpoſe.

I. Bobin.

Mr *Hyde* is very much reformed.

To *George Clarke* Eſq^r^

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secry's Office,

July ye 5th 1721.

Hond Sir

THE members of the Council in Town being but few and Mr. *Phillipse* declining to act upon Mr. *Baker's* News of his Removal from ye Council (which his Excy believes to be true tho' he has had no advice of the same.) his Excellency has therefore ordered me to acquaint you that he desires your presence in Town here to Act and assist in Council.

The Particulars sent by *Riche* are as follows. The Medicines for the Doctor; the Acct sent by Mr. *Hyde;* Testament and Psalter 4*s* 6; a Barrel of Brown Sugar, a Barrel of Rum; a Barrl of Molasses £3 4*s* 6*d;* 1 pd

of Gun Powder 2*s* 6*d*; 8 D° of Shot 3*s*; 3. p^d of Lathing Nails 3*s* 3*d*; 64. p^d of Candles £2;—a Loaf of Sugar quantity 27. p^d at 18*d* ℔ p^d; 12 yds ½ of Garlix 2*s* 9*d*.

Coll. *Rutſen* puts one off from Day to Day Courtier like, but ſays that if he fail this week he ſhall think himſelf very unworthy of any favours from you for the future. I have not received from the Treaſurer your Quarterly warr^t ending June laſt. I have nothing more to add but that I am.

Hon^d Sir &c.

I. Bobin.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Augt ye 1st 1721.

Hond Sir—

I HAVE finiſhed with Mr. *Hyde* and got every thing neceſſary for his voyage put on Board, Capt *Downing* propoſes to ſail to Day, the Owners would not give Credit for Mr. *Hyde's* Paſſage Money, therefore have been obliged to draw ten pounds from the Govrs fees, The amount of his Accounts is 158*l* 15 0¾ New York money, wch I have reduced to Sterlg and taken his Receipt for the ſame.

There is only gone by *Riche* laſt Trip Six Cedar Bolts The Lime he Refuſed to take on Board, it muſt therefore go by next Trip with what elſe is wanting; he tells me

he will be in Town the latter end of this week, The ten pounds Drawn in his favor being not yet paid makes him very ſurly wch I cant help. I was yeſterday at the Treaſurer's who ſays he has none

I am yours
I Bobin.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Auguſt ye 21ſt 1721.

Hond Sir.

HIS Excy gave me this morning the Encloſed for forwarding; he deſigns to Imbark for *Albany* on Thurſday next.

Mr. *Mount* is ſo kind to favour me with his Care of this & Madm *Clarke's* Snuff Box, and to take the Trouble of a Caniſter of Bohea Tea, The bearer of your Letter of

the 19th not coming near me but delivered the Letter to a Soldier.

Sr I have according to order paid *David Cathair* four pounds. The Chaiſe Wheels are Ready to ſend by *Riche;* old *Read* dyed on Friday laſt. Capt *Lancelot* maſr of ye *John* Gally bound to *London* from *Jamaica* was neceſſitated to come here, the Veſſell proving very Leaky will ſail for *London* in about Eight Days, and Capt *Ouvery* about the middle of next month.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
September ye 12th 1721.

Hond Sir.

WITH ſome Struggle I have conquered that troubleſome Companion the feaver and Ague,

by checking it in time; I am told that at *Amboy* there is not one Houſe free from that diſeaſe, ſome the whole family Down, and is almoſt as brieff here; I heartyly wiſh your good family may eſcape it.

Sr Incloſed is an Account of the ſeveral particulars ſent now ꝑ *Riche* by your order for the uſe of Doctor *Magrath;* there gos likewiſe a loaf of fine Sugar (wch *Cæſar* left behind him when you were laſt in Town) at 2*ſ* 3*d* pr The Chaiſe Wheels likewiſe go this trip.

I have paid Mrs. *Tarr* fifty ſhillings on acct of the Note Drawn in her Huſband's favour; had made her eaſy as to the remainder by promiſe where She ow'd Money to pay it in a little time wch has anſwer'd her End.

The Genl Complaint here is a Conſumption of Trade & your

Office is not without a taſte of the unhappy effect of a Languiſhing Commerce, buſineſs being ſo dull that I have not for this Six Days or more cleared a veſſel or taken any money in ye Office. The Treaſurer ſays he has none in his hands and does not know when he ſhall, wch makes ſome Officers who have quarterly Warr^ts look with Drooping aſpects fearing they will be obliged to paſs the Winter upon the faith and Credit of an Honble Support without Money. The Govr is expected here the Begginning of next week.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
September ye 14th 1721.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 12th Inst. by *Peter Smith* and according to order send by *Tunis Snediker* the Keg filled with Lime Juice I will be mindfull of Peach Stones.

Tuesday last I sent by *Riche* what was wanting for Doctor *Magrath*, and a loaf of fine Sugar wch *Cæsar* left behind him.

The Govr unexpected arrived here this morning about the Hour of Six. I dont hear as yet what progress he has had with the Indians.

Sr I return you thanks for the Concern you Express for my Welfare & my late Indisposition. I

thank God I am recovered and am now in a perfect ſtate of health. I hope your goodſelf and family are the like and that they may be bleſt with the Continuance of y^e ſame is the fervent wiſh of

S^r

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Sept. ye 27th 1721.

Hon^d Sir.

THERE goes now ℔ *Riche* a pound of Bohea Tea; 6 yds of brown Ozinbriggs; four ½ of blew D^o

S^r I have been with ye Pump maker named *Richd Talbot*, who ſends you the incloſed and ſays he Can't pretend to undertake ye making a Pump for leſs than 2/ ℔

Foot, for it is the uſual and Cuſtomary price and y^t he expects 8/ ℔ Diem during the time that he ſhall be at the *Plains* affixing & ſeting the ſame, And his Charges and Expences both going and returning, wch I told I thought was ſome what out of ye way, therefore told him I could do nothing further before I had acquainted you therewith and know your pleaſure, which as ſoon as it came to hand would let him know — he anſwered if you agreed to what he propoſed he would fall upon the work forthwith and give it all immediate diſpatch. Mr. *Sharpas* tells me he is a Maſter of his buſineſs.

S^r I acquainted his Excellency that you preſented to him your Duty and y^t your being much out of order with a Cold in y^r head and a ſore throat hindred your waiting on him;

he made me no anſwer; I repeated the ſame word to him a ſecond time, he ſtill was ſilent; then I withdrew.

Sr The Office is very bare of money and will not anſwer for what is drawn for Sundrys and as I have been hitherto obliged when I had not caſh in hands to take things on yor Credit, and buſineſs ſince not having been briſk enough to anſwer other Demands and Diſcharge that, therefore People are ſhye in Delivering there goods without ready money, wch I know not how [to get.]

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secrys Office,
Octobr 18th 1721.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of ye 17th Inst. by yor Negro & will leave no stone unturned to get in what money I can, but am at present very bare, being obliged now to pay ready money for what things I take up for your use; when a Sum comes to hand I shall inform you thereof with great pleasure. I have writ to Coll *Rutsen* & wait dayly for his answer. Mr. *Wileman* yesterday acquainted me that he had rec'd a Letter from Mr. *Collins* of *Albany*, date ye 4 Inst in which he presents you his humble duty and desires to be excused for his long silence and yt he will make speedy

payment of your Fees, and in order thereto Mr. *Bickly* has prepared a quantity of Flower and Peas to ſend to *York* to be ſold ſo that Money may be dayly hoped for. Nevertheleſs I will obſerve your Directions to Mr. *Bickley*.

I ſend now by *Will* a Loaf of ſingle refin'd Sugar q^t 7 p^d at 1 *ſ*, 6*d* ℔ p^d; 13 yds of Duffles at 6*ſ* 3*d*; four yds of Swanſkin at 4*ſ*; 3 Indian Brooms 1*ſ*: 2 Bibles, 18*ſ*;—they are beſt I could get & am ſorry the Print is not better; as to *Venice* talk [? chalk] there is none in Town; Doctor *Nicholls* had ſome a few days ago but it is all ſold to ye Ladys.

I ſend by *Will* four pounds in ſmall Bills &c.

I am

S^r

Yours &c^a

I Bobin.

N

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
October ye 26th 1721.

Hon^d Sir

WILL carrys with him ſeven yards of yallow Taffita and as much of Blew at 10*ſ.* & 6*d* ℔ yard,—& ½ oz of Blew Sowing ſilk; if not likt will be taken again; Mrs. *Ludlow* tells me the yallow ſuits very well, and the Blew is the neareſt the Patern I could get & ſays ſhe can't go to the *Plains* before the Beginning of next week, her hands being full of work. I have had the happineſs of ſeeing Miſs *Katty* yeſterday Evening. Mr. *Sharpas* and Mrs *Betty Sharpas* conceiving Miſs wou'd want a Night Gown I have therefore bought as much Calico as will make a double Gown

and had Mrs. *Betty's* advice therein, what elſe Miſs may want I will take care to furniſh. Mrs. *Ludlow* will make it forthwith. Miſs *Katty* went with Mrs. *Braſſier* in Mr. *Bickeley's* laſt night. Mr. *Fauconnier* is not in Town and can't Larn when he is Expected.

I will obſerve what you write in relation to *Rhode Iſland* Cheeſes as I ſhall do in every thing elſe.

I have writ to Mr. *Collins* as ordered and have forwarded a Second Letter to Coll *Rutſen* very preſſing. I expect dayly to hear from them.

I am much obliged to Miſs *Molly* for her kind Remembrance of me, and to aſſure when I go to the Sweat Garden have her in my thoughts; have now ſent her ſome.

There is no news. Mr. *Harington* promiſed to give me ſome Limes, but has not been ſo good as his

word tho' often calling has not been wanting.

I am with Respect
Sr
&c.
Is Bobin.

To Mr *Clarke*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secry's Office,
Novr ye 24th 1721.

Hond Sir

I RECEIVED yr Letter of Yesterday about Seven in the Evening ꝑ *Will* and am sorry to hear *Blake* has proved such a Villain, I have not seen him since I paid him your note Drawn in his favour wch was Thursday last nor dont hear now yt he is in Town, therefore have forwarded with Instructions a

Writt to the Sheriff of *Richmond* County & will be diligent in making further inquiry after him. As to the Sashes they were not made at *Smiths* but at one *Peacocks* in the Broadway who not being at home therefore have rec'd no jnformation thereof, but shall observe your directions relating thereto—I dont hear that he has left any thing at *Riches*—

Mr. *Phillips* and Mr. *Sharpas* present you their humble service and say they'll referr the drawing Lotts till you come to Town.

I send by *Will* five yd^s of plain fustain at 3*s*, 3*d* but am afraid its too Corse there is none figured in Town; if not likt will be taken upon Return I send likewise 2 yds of Blew Duffles at 6*s* ℔ yd.

I will Inquire after another Joyner.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, S. Office,
Novr ye 26 1721.

Hon Sir

I REC'D yesterday your Letters of ye 8th and 15th Instt The Sevl Part. mention'd in that of the 8th go now by *Riche* Vizt a Barrl of Sugar from Mr *Schuyler;* Six pr of gloves for Madm *Clarke* at 3*s* a pr 6 Sheets of Miniken pins 8*s.;* 12 of largest 16*s*—; 12 of the Middling, 11*s.;* 2 Small Cords & large Bedd Cord — 11*s;* thirty two Gallons of Molosses *Jamaica* the best in Town 2*s.* ℔ Gallon; Six qr of Letter Paper & 6 of Copying Paper; a Masons Trowell, 3*s.;* Six Packs of Cards 7*s* 6*d;* Three Ivory Combs 5*s* 6*d;* 1 horn Comb 3*d* If any of the prices of the before men-

tion'd particulars bought by me, ſhou'd be thought unreaſonable or not likt by Mad^{m} *Clarke* they will be taken again upon Return — I have been Carefull y^{t} the Sugar and Moloſſes can are well hoop'd.

S^{r} I return you my hearty thanks for the trouble you have taken to ſend me my Fathers Letter, as alſo of my kinſman and am under ſome Concern to pceive my friends at home uneaſy for want of hearing from me; however Letters have miſcarryed I can't tell, but as I have always had a value and eſteem for my Parents therefore have never been wanting when opportunity offered to let them know of my Welfare.

S^{r} I have paid *Blake* yor Note Drawn in his favour for five pounds *Sconlock* not having Money to advance, and finding him under

neceſſity to buy hinges Nails &c[a] for the uſe of your houſe; which he told me was very much expoſed to Weather, mov'd me to ſtretch a point.

I will ſend what elſe is wanting ℘ *Riche* next Trip which he tells me will be the Latter End of next week — Yo[r] Warrants upon Mr. *Byerly* are ſigned.

Coden has promiſed to bring ſome good *R. Iſland* Cheeſe for your Winter Store. I have paid Mr. *Selby* your note of One pound ten ſhillings drawn in his favour.

Cap[t] *Smith* of y[e] *Beaver* Informs that he ſhall ſail the Latter End of next Week hoping to Eat to his Xmas dinner in *London*

I can get no Money from The Treaſurer, nor have not been ſo happy as to receive a Line from Coll *Rutſen* tho' I have often writ. I

have received from Mr. *Collins* yor fees out of wch I have paid *Riche*.

His Ex^cy is Expected from *Amboy* Sunday next. Miſs *Katty* is very well.

The Surveyor Genl has not yet made any Return of ye Surveys of the Land laid out for Dr *Humes* & al. As to *Anthony* I refer to his Letter Incloſed.

Blake will Inform you concerning Cedar Bolts.

I begg you'll excuſe the broken Engliſh of my Father's Letter Ill ſee that ſome Snuff be made &c.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, S. Office,
February ye 21*ſt* 172½.

Hon^d Sir

THERE goes now by *Riche* The Barrel of Sugar, Box of Candles, Six Indian Brooms, & Eight

pound of Chalck. The Punch & marking Iron are not finiſhed.

Sr Since my laſt to you I have received a Letter from Coll *Rutſen* wherein he jnforms me that he has found two Mares one large about 6 or 7 years old and the other three next Spring the price of wch are ſix pound each that he has likewiſe got one large Drawing Horſe a Black Ball above 15 hands high 5 years old at £15. That he will uſe his utmoſt Endeavour to get another to match him, but in the mean time deſires my anſwer upon the ſame. I therefore crave you'll be pleaſed to let me know whether you think thoſe prices reaſonable or not, that I may thereby be the better enabled to make an anſwer thereto, There will be no opportunity of ſending before the latter End of next week.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, N. YORK,
March ye 7th 172½.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yor Letter of the 5th Instant by *Will* inclosed in the Warrants you write for & as concerning Deeds all those that were in my care I send now in the Trunk for that purpose together with those found in yor Scrutoire at Mr. *Schuyler's* as likewise Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgages. The Deeds Recorded are Seperate from the others and are distinguished by a Labell — I have Inquired of Mr. *Sharpas* and Mr. *Wileman* whether they had any Deeds belonging to you who told me they [had] not any. I will Endeavour to get Cedar Bolts to send

by *Riche* next Conveyance, and Copy the Bills of the Lawyers to go at the ſame time

I have given Mrs. *Ludlow* 5 yds of plain White Calicote at 5*ſ* ℔ yard; 2 yds of plain Muſlin at 9*ſ*; a Doz. of Knives & Forks at 8*ſ*; Thread 9*ſ*; four Combs & Bruſh 6*ſ* & 9*d*; Baſs 2*ſ*. Dear Sr I hope you'll excuſe my keeping *Will* Yeſterday being Called to my Relation on *Long Iſland* who had a pain on ye ſide and moreover the Deeds recorded took me ſome time to Examine I am &c.

I. Bobin.

P. S.

Sir.

I ſend by *Will* in ſmall money two pounds three Shillings being all I had to ſpare having over drawn the Governours fees as believe your're ſenſible.

I have paid yor two Notes of y^{e} 22^{d} of Febry laſt in favour of *Marias Marſh* & *Heſter Grice*.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
January y^{e} 10th 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Hon^{d} Sir.

I HAVE been with Mr. *Lane* concerning the Negro Wench, who tells me he has her now in his Houſe, and is willing to let you have her upon Tryal not doubting but you'll find her a good ſlave; I will take care that ſhe be ſent by *Riche*.

Sr The Report of the Committee to whom was referred your account of Incidents of your Office has been read in Council, but upon ſome Gentlemen oppoſing the confirma-

tion thereof it was recommitted, and ſo remains and for no other reaſon than that they ſay you ought not to be allowed for Blank Let Paſſes and Lycences, which have been allowed hitherto, At the ſame time your Warrant for payment of your years ſalary out of the Quit-rents Ending the 13th of December laſt, was likewiſe read and laid before his Excellency for Signing, but was ſet aſide it being objected by ſome at that Board, that if your Warrant paſſed with theſe Words vizt [to be paid preferrable to all other Eſtabliſhments] (which words are grounded upon a Minute of Council) they could never expect to receive their Salarys for that yours would always be accordingly paid the firſt, and that thereby they ſhou'd be diſcouraged in the proſecution of their Offices, thereupon

moved that a minute might be made that no more was meant or intended by the word [preferrable] than that Warrants for payment of the ſaid Salary be always preferrably paid to Warrants upon the ſaid Fund and the ſame date and be accordingly the firſt number of ſuch Warrants, which was agreed to by a Majority of the Board, and Ordered that the Warrant be drawn Conformable.

Your being acquainted of theſe matters as well as having a view of what I am going further to obſerve will ſhew how ſiniſterly ſome people are inclin'd and in order thereto I ſend you incloſed the Copy of Minutes of the Committee appointed to Examin the Abſtract of Patents, the firſt Paragraph of the ſecond Minute I think with ſubmiſſion is jnduſtrioufly Pen'd with

an jntent to reproach the Office, for the Minute there mentioned to be wanting is not of any conſequence or of any greater moment than a looſe half ſheet of Paper with ſome Remarks or Obſervations on Patents and other Records and which was miſlay'd by themſelves, but the ſame being ſince found that part of the Minute is obliterated and they now ſeem to take little notice of the reſt, Notwithſtanding I further obſerved that towards the concluſion of the fourth Paragraph of the ſaid Minutes they took Notice that a great many of the Minutes of Council are wanting and not mentioning what Minutes. I lookt upon thoſe words to be General and fearfull they were couch'd with ſome deſign, I therefore adviſed with Mr. *Bickley* to know whether thoſe words if Reported in that manner might hurt

you in your Office, who made me eaſy in that particular by telling me that the Beginning of the ſaid Paragraph fully explain'd that they are old Records, that are wanting, for which you could not be anſwerable being that ſeveral were carried to *Boſton* by Sr *Edmund Androſs*.

As I have ever lookt upon thoſe Gentlemen with a Watchfull Eye, ſo ſhall at all times be wakefull in obſerving every thing that may be for ye ſafety of your jntereſt being with great truth and reſpect

Sr

&c

I hope you've heard of your Trunk

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Jany ye 14*th* 1722.

Hond Sir

THE inclosed Letter I purposd to send by Capt *Congreve* who promis'd to call for the same but forgot.

I have received yours of the 12th jnstant and will be punctual in paying Mr. *Kennedy's* mother the sum therein mentioned.

I send by *Will* 10 pd of Hops at 1*s* 3*d* 12 pr of Kid Gloves at 4*s* 6*d* 2 packs of Cards 3*s*, 12 yds Woorsted Feriting 2*s* 3*d*; 2 Bed Cords 9*s*; & 6 pd of Floor Nails 5*s*. As to the Negro Wench I beg leave to referr to the inclosed Letter and am

Yours &c.

I am glad to hear *Riche* remembers the Trunk —

I have been jnformed by one that had a mind to purchaſe the ſaid Wench about a twelve Month ago that he offered the ſame Sum her Maſter does now aſk but that he then inſiſted upon fifty pounds.

I have paid your note in favour of *Jn° Henderſon*

The Governour goes for *Jerſey* on Tueſday or Wedneſday morning next.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Janry y^e 27th 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Hon^d^ Sir

I HAVE yours of the 26th; that for Mr. *Walpole* I have taken care to put into the Greyhound News bagg with my own hands.

I ſend by *Will* a pound of Bohea Tea at £1. 4*ſ.* as likewiſe a pair of blew Coarſe ſtockings at 3*ſ.* If not likt will be taken again upon return — I went this morning upon the Market to look for freſh Fiſh, but did not ſee any. Incloſed is three pounds one ſhill in ſmall Bills.

Captain *Munro* has a young Negro Wench to diſpoſe off between 16 & 17 years of age born at *Jamaica* in the *Weſt Indies* but brought up here ſince three years old, he is not willing to let her go upon Tryall, but will warrant her to be ſound Limbed and a garl that may be train'd up to any manner of buſineſs, the price is forty five pounds which he ſays he gave for her three years ago to Mr. *Dunck*, I have Enquired into her Character among thoſe of the Neighborhood who jnform me that ſhe is a good ſlave.

The reaſon of parting from her I believe is the want of Money. *Will* can give ſome account of her, having ſeen her.

I will make a Copy of your laſt year's acc^t of Incidents and ſend by next opportunity and am with due regard

Hon^d Sir

&c^a

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

February y^e 8th 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Hon^d Sir

I RECEIVED Yeſterday Evening yours of the 6th jnſtant by *Will.* Incloſed is three pounds in ſmall Bills.

I have been with Mrs. *Schuyler* and acquainted her with what you deſired. She deſires me to Let you

know that ſhe put aſide for you a pair of Gloves and a Scraff which She now ſends by *Will* and prays you'll pleaſe to accept of the ſame. The poor woman ſeems under a great concern for the loſs of her huſband, I have had from her a half p^s of *Holland* Linewn q^t 26 Ells; a p^s of Cambrick; 2 p^s of Tape at 1*ſ* 6 p^r p^s; & 1 Ditto at 2*ſ* as likewiſe a p^s of brown Ozibrigg q^t 72 Ells at 19*d*. Upon inquiry I find it is as good & cheap as thoſe bought at the Merchants all which now goes by *Will* together with 25 p^d of twelve penny nails at 10*d* ℔ £; Six long ſilk Laces at 1*ſ* 6*d* a p^s; Six yd^s of white Corded Dimmity at 4*ſ* ℔ yd: an Ounce of Camphire 5*ſ*.; a pint of Spirits of Wine 6*ſ*.; 12 p^d of Hard Soap. a p^s of Garlix choſe by Mrs. *Ludlow* £3. 10*ſ*; As to Loaf Sugar there is none to be got in Town.

Sr I ſend you incloſed a Copy of the Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons to his Majeſty which is lately come by the way of *Briſtoll* in a Brigantine belonging to *Abraham Vanhorn*. She brings little or no news; the Lords in the Tower are not yet brought to Tryal. I am now preparing his Excellencys orders to the Judge of the Pleas in ye ſeveral Countys relating to the Probate of Wills &ca His Excellency declines appoing Surrogates in the remote Countys, and as to Apprazers Mr. *Hariſon* and Coll *Lurting* have the power of Deputation. I am with all due regard.

Hond Sir

Yours &c.

I have diſpatched *Will* with all Expedition — It is now between twelve and one.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
March ye 13*th* 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Hon^{d} Sir

I HAVE paid yor note of the 12th inst in favour of Mr. *Temple* to his wife by whom I now send a few Oranges which I hope will meet with your and Mad^{m} *Clarkes* acceptance I am sorry Limes are so scarce that I cant get any.

The Particulars sent by *Will* when last in Town are as follows Viz^{t} Two Gross of Corks 7*s*; a p^{s} of Cherconne Romacks £3; a Tin Funnell 1*s* 3*d*; 3 p^{s} of *Holland* Tape 7*s*; a Loaf of Double refind Sugar q^{t} 3$\frac{1}{4}$ at 2*s*. 7$\frac{1}{2}$; a p^{d} of Bohea Tea £1. 4, & two Packs of Cards 2*s*. 6*d*—

I have been with *Jones* concerning a wigg, who has promised me

to make one according to desire against April next.

Yesterday arrived in the Evening *Andrew Bisset*, Master of the *Snow Hamilton*, who left *London* the 7th of December last and the 26 following from the *Downs* to *Maderas* Arrived some time in January, by whom we have the following advice That Councilor *Leare* was Tryed and Condemned and that some time in January was assigned for his Execution, but upon his proposalls of making a full discovery was reprieved for two months, and that the Lord Bishop of *Rochester* and the other Lords in the Tower were not brought to Tryal nor it was not known when they would. I have Enquired but do not hear of any Letters for you and am with respect

Sr

Yours &c

Q

by *Will* was likewiſe ſent in my Letter £3. 1 —

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
March ye 19th 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yeſterday by *Will* I ſend now by him Ropes, Leading Lines, half a pound of Nutmegs and twelve pound of ſtarch. I have ſent to moſt places in Town but Cant get Garden Beans, thoſe that have had any have planted them, I ſent likewiſe to Mr. *Delancey* who was ſorry you did not think of 'em ſooner he having made uſe of all he had. There has not been any fiſh upon the Markets this Day — What elſe is mentioned in your Letter I will be punctual in obſerving.

Sr Mr. *Harifon* prefents you his Humble Service as likewife to Madm *Clarke* and Madm *Hyde*. He is much concerned about a Patent that appears in this Office for 3000 acres of Land on the Weft fide of *Hudfons* River to the Southward of *Old Mans* Creek, granted by Coll *Ingoldfby* to *Wm Glincrofs*, *Alexander Campbell* and *Thomas Harding*. The faid Patent being for Land for which he has a Grant from Brigadr *Hunter* and as the faid Patent is prior to his he is Apprehenfive that he will fuffer, but what gives him fome hopes of a remedy is that *Glincrofs* and others have never paid any Quit rent for faid Land nor does faid Patent appear upon Record, neither is it figned by yourfelf or Deputy. He defired me to mention it to you believing you would give him your advice in that affair.

P. S.

Sr *Will*, Since I finiſhed my Letter, has got about a q^t of garden Beans for wch he has been obliged to pay 9*d*.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Ap^l ye 3^d 1723.

Hon^d Sir.

THE Chairs go now by *Riche* as likewiſe two Barrlls of *Long Iſland* Beef at £1. 18. ℔ Bar^l, & the Box with Candles q^t 63 p^d

I have referred ſending Lime Juice till another opportunity that which is now in Town being not only bad but deer. Veſſells are dayly expected from the *Weſt Indies*, when they are arrived I will look out for ſome that is good and at the

ſame time Endeavour to get ſome fruit for Mad^{m} *Clarke*.

The Governour will meet the Aſſembly of this Province the 7th of May next according to the adjournment of that Houſe. I have by his Order ſent Circular Letters to acquaint the members thereof. His Excellency will go for *Jerſey* the 23^{d} of this inſtant—The Veſſells mentioned in the incloſed Mercury now at *Amboy* bound for *London* will not ſail before the Latter End of this Week or beginning of next. The Govr upon Information that a Malignant Diſtemper was raging in the Iſland of *Jamaica*, called a Council whereupon an order was made that the Ferry man at the *Narrows* on *Long Iſland* ſide and likewiſe the Ferry men on *Staten Iſland* do on the approach of any Veſſell from Sea repair on Board

every Veſſell coming in and if any of them come from *Jamaica* they are to forbid them to proceed further than the Watering place under *Staten Iſland* till further order.

Mr. *Jemmey Morris* is very bad of a Conſumption in ſo much that his life is dayly diſpaired off.

Sr I omitted to mention that I likewiſe now ſend by *Riche* a Barl of Moloſſes qt 32 Gal. 21*d* ℔ Gal.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
April 17, 1723.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of ye 11th jnſt. by *Riche*, I ſend now by him ye following particulars Vizt five Gallons of Lime Juice at 2*ſ.* 6. ℔ Gal; a Barrl of Tarr at 7*ſ.* 6*d;* a

Gallon of Sallade Oyl 12*s*; Eleven fathom of White well Rope, Three Baſs, Two Groſs of Corks at 3*s* 6*d*. I have not found any Ox Cart Boxes Suitable to the Scize you ſent, but ſhall make further Enquiry. As to Loaf Sugar there is none in Town nor has there been as yet any Lobſter upon Market, And in Caſh two fifteen Shilling Bills one of Twenty and one of Six together with Eleven dollars, which make in the whole Six pounds two Shillings.

Sr Since my Laſt there has not arrived but one Veſſell from the *Weſt Indies* which was from *Jamaica*, She brought no fruit, all the fruit upon that Iſland being deſtroyed by the late Storm they have had there; the News that a Contagious Diſtemper was raging there proves falſe.

When Veſſells arrive and bring

fruit I will not be wanting to get ſome to ſend to the *plains*.

I am

&c.

I. Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Eſq^r

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,

Apl ye 19th 1723.

S^r

I HAVE received yours of Yeſterday. I am ſorry I can not find any Ox Cart Boxes to the Demenſions you deſire,—*Walther Thong* tells me he expects ſome Dayly from *Boſton*.

Coll. *Lurting* inform'd me of a Negro wench to be diſpoſed off by one *Chaloner* who is going to Live with his Family at *Rhode Iſland*,

Whereupon I went to the ſaid *Chaloner* where I ſaw the Wench he brought wth him about 3 years ago & is about twenty Years of age; ſpeaks pretty good Engliſh, Sound Limb, underſtand every thing belonging to Houſehold affairs (as her Maſter inform'd me). The Loweſt price he tells me is forty five pounds ready money and will not let her go upon Tryal. I omitted to mention that ye wench is Six months gone wth Child as her M^r^ told me.

I am commanded by his Ex^cy^ & Coun^l^ to ſend you the jncloſed Minute of which you are to take notice and Govern yourſelves accordingly.

R

Isaac Bobin to Mrs. Hyde.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
June ye 8th 1723.

Madam.

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will*, & am sorry to hear of Mr. *Clarkes* Indisposition. I wish him his health as likewise all ye family.

Madam

I send now by *Will* 8 Lobsters & 27 Crabbs; a pound of Bohea Tea £1. 4 as likewise fifty shillings in small Bills. I will observe what you write me in relation to Miss *Molly*, and will pay Mr. *Cook* two Pistolls according to desire — I am concern'd to hear that the thought of Miss *Molly Dickens* not being paid for the Silk Stockings should give you any uneasiness. I hope she

has not been ſo unkind as to aſk you or Mr. *Clarke* for it when in Town, for I paid it her imediately after ordered, ſhe may Remember I gave her a Piſtoll and ſhe had not change to give me; I have her Receipt which will Reconcile that matter, I give you Mr. *Clarke* and Mad^m^ *Clarke* Joy of maſter *Hyde's* recovery and am with reſpect.

Mad^m^ &c.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
July 2^d^ 1723.

Hon^d^ Sir

I HAVE yours of Yeſterday, I have been with *Jno Chambers* and received from him 44 Ounces and a half of Plate I ſend by *Cæſar* a Teſtament and Spelling Book as likewiſe ſome Lobſters.

We hear from *Albany* that Coll *John Schuyler* has been diſcovered to Trade with *Canada*.

I. BOBIN.

George Clarke Eſq^r.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
July ye 12th 1723.

Hon^d Sir.

I RECEIVED this morning your Letter of Yeſterday, & will obſerve what you write now concerning a Welſh Dairy made, as well what you mention relating to *Allane Jarret*. *Lawrence* has never ſpoke to me about any maid.

I will Enquire of *Cook* to day when Miſs *Mollys* month is expired and pay him. I ſend by *Will* 32 Gallons of Rum at 3*ſ*. 3*d*.

I have paid *Molly Sheppard* four pounds.

As to Mr. *Byerlys* Mortgage I believe 'tis among the Deeds I ſent you according to the deſire of your Letter of the 5th of March, 172½.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
July ye 17th 1723.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 13th jnſt. what you obſerve therein concerning Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgage is very Juſt, for upon ſecond thought I remembred I had it from you and gave it to Mr. *Wileman* (who now has it) in order for to make oath to the Execution of it, which he has not as yet done, but has promiſed me to do it out of hand

this week. I will not be wanting in often calling upon him till it is compleated and then Record it.

I have ſpoke to *Lawrence* who tells me he has not as yet heard of a Maid, but will uſe his utmoſt Endeavour to get one,—*Allane Jarratt* is not yet arrived.

I have delivered your Letter to the Treaſurer—I have paid the Bearer your Note in his favour.

Mr. *Boelen*, the Dutch Lawyer, who is concern'd for the Perſons naturaliz'd complain'd to his Excellency that I inſiſted upon twenty ſhillings for each Perſon named in the Act whereupon his Ex^cy^ ſent for me and told me he would have no other fees taken than ſuch as were directed by Ordinance, for tho' there was ſeveral Perſons named in the Act Yet it was no more than one. I obſerved to his Ex^cy^ that

when the Committee met upon that Act they were of opinion that each Perſon named therein in paying 20*ſ.* to the Secretary was but reaſonable; he ſaid he had nothing to do with their private opinion and with ſome heat ſay'd, you had never acquainted him of it, and moreover he lookt upon y^t^ demand to be an Exaction, and that I might acquaint you of the ſame.

I will obſerve your good cautions and any . . . . . *Coden* brings news from *Rhode Iſland* y^t^ twenty three of the Pyrates are Condemn'd there, one ordered for Execution, Capt. *Solgard* was to ſail from there Sunday laſt.

Incloſed is four pound.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July ye 19th 1723.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterday that you therein mention of Saturday last did not come to hand before Wednesday last, and to which I then sent you an answer by *Guyon Nesbit*, The substance thereof being that Mr. *Wileman* has Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgage in order to make Oath to the Execution of it.

That I have spoke to *Lawrence* who has promised me to use his Best Endeavours to get a Maid Servant for you.

That I delivered your Letter to the Treasurer.

That the Governour will not allow any more fees to be taken or

received for the naturalization Acts than what is directed by Ordinance, and now in consequence of yours of yesterday I have been at Mr. *Laws* to acquaint him that *Will* had lost the Letter from him to you but he is gone out of Town.

The Treasurer desires to be excused from writing by this Opportunity by reason he is now very busy making up his accounts.

I have paid *John Smith* forty shillings and send inclosed in small Bills four pounds.

The Acts of Assembly now past I believe will be sent home by the *Snow* that is expected dayly here with *Franks*.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived here from *Bristoll* after a Passage of Nine weeks I do not hear that she brings any news.

Ripet is likewiſe arrived from *Barbados* but has brought no fruit.

I am with reſpect

Sr your &c.

I Bobin.

Miſs *Molly* is very well.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,

July ye 27th 1723.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yeſterday; according to your deſire therein I have been with the Treaſurer who tells me his Accounts will be ready for you on Thurſday or Friday next.

Incloſed is four pounds in ſmall Bills.

I ſend now by *Will* two pr of

Traces @ 5*ſ*, 4*d*; Leading Lines 3*ſ*. 4½*d*; twelve pound of ſtarch 6*ſ*.; Three Yards of White ſilk Galloon 1*ſ*. 6*d*; Padlock and ſtaples 3*ſ*.

I have writ this morning to Mr. *Thos Dongan* by an Opportunity that offered for *Staten Iſland*.

I will mind *Lawrence* of what you write me concerning a Dairy Maid and Red Clover ſeed.

Capt *Solgard* arrived here on Thurſday laſt; after Careening his ſhip he deſigns to take another Cruiſe,

Capt. *Jarratt* is not yet arrived.

I. Bobin.

Mr. *Clarke*.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
August ye 1st 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterday by *Will*, and send now by him a Barr^l of Beef at 37*s.* 6*d* bought at Mr. *Jay's*. I am Inform'd by the Packers 'tis the best in Town, Mr. *Jay* says he'll warrant it to be good, I send likewise the Candle Box with Candles q^t 75 p^d at 7½*d* ℔ p^d as also a Bits-worth of Allum; The other things I will send by *Riche;* every thing bought for your use is with this Caution if not likt either as to 'tis price or goodness to be taken again; this I do to prevent deceit, and will observe the hint you give me concerning

Mr. *Alexander*. The Galloon I ſent laſt was not bought there, but at Mrs. *Stillwells*, who upon writing to her about the Extraordinary price of the Galloon ſent me the incloſed anſwer and ſays ſhe pays half a bit a yard for it at the Merchants by the p^s and that all ſhe had left ſhe ſold at the price of that ſhe ſold you.

I have paid *Elenor Carpenter* your note in her favour.

I am glad to hear you have received no damage from the ſtorm we have had laſt Monday it has done conſiderable to the Docks.

The incloſed Letter I believe to be from Mr. *Thomas Dongan* in anſwer to what I writ him.

The Treaſurer's Accounts are ready.

The Maſter of a *Briſtoll* Veſſell has been ſo kind to preſent me with

a Bottle of Capers which I desire you'll accept from Sr

Your humble Servant

I. Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Esq.

Thomas Dongan to Isaac Bobin.

Castletown, *Augt* 17th 1723.

Sr

I WAS favour'd wth yours this Morning relateing to Mr. *Clarke's* affairs and herewith send him an answer. I should be glad if leisure did permit to have the satisfaction of seeing yu at my House, and shall be allways proud if any opportunity offers wherein I can show my sincere acknowledgmt of the favours conferr'd by you upon Sr

Your oblig'd humble

Servt

Thos Dongan.

Isaac Bobin to Robert King.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Septr ye 11*th* 1723.

Sir

MR. Secretary *Clarke* being in want of a Negro wench & I having had advice from Mr. *King* that there is one to be ſold at *Amboy* on a months Likeing, before I mention it to Mr. *Clarke* I ſhould be glad to know the reaſon of her being ſold and whether upon Enquiry you may think ſhe is fit for ſervice and that no ill qualitys attend her.

Sr I have very little acquaintance at *Amboy* is the occaſion of my giving you this trouble deſiring you'll be ſo kind to make ſuch an Inquiry and to let me hear from you concerning ye ſame ſo ſoon as

conveniently may be; I muſt confeſs I can't conclude without bluſhing for my freedom herein.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, N. YORK,
Sept. 14th 1723.

Hon^{d} Sir

SINCE my Letter to you of Yeſterday by *Riche* I have received yours of the ſame day. All the things mentioned in your Memorandum are a Board of *Riche*. *Riche* not being gone *Will* takes the ſmall things with him. Mrs. *Schuyler* now ſends a p^{s} of Shalone, a p^{s} of Muſlin & a p^{s} of Linen Silk. She adviſes me to acquaint you that ſhe cant get a p^{s} of Druget in Town to match the ſhalone under forty yards.

Sr The weather not being ſetled, I have not ventur'd to ſend the Papers.

As to Miſs *Mollys* Trunk &^a Mrs. *Congreve* will take care to ſend in ſuch order as they may goe ſafe. Mr. *Cook* ſays the Spinnet muſt not go till the Weather is better ſettled, & y^t he will tune it and Quil it as likewiſe ſet her ſome Tunes. *Will* Informs me of Mad^m *C*—— being brought to Bed of a girl of which I give you Joy and am

The Council will ſet to Morrow, in order to ſign ye quarterly Warrants & to receive ye Report of ye Com^ee upon ye Computation.

The Govr has named the preſent Mayor & Sheriff of this City to be Mayor & Sheriff for the year Enſuing; he has likewiſe made no alteration at *Albany* in the Majeſtrates; will go for *Jerſey* Monday next.

T

I have ſent a few Limes wch I deſire you'll pleaſe to accept with my hearty wiſhes for Mad^m *Clarkes* recovery, I am glad Mr. *Riggs* prevailed upon Mr. *Brown* to go with *Will* and am with all due regard.

Sr Yours &c.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Septemb. ye 15th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

THERE goes now by *Riche* (upon whom I could not prevail to go ſooner) a Barrel of Beef £1. 17*ſ.* 6*d;* a Q^r Caſk of Wine @ £6; twelve pound of hard Soap @ 6*ſ;* twelve p^d of Chocolat £1. 1*ſ;* two Barr^ls of Beer a p^d of Bohea Tea @ £1.; Six q^r of writing

Paper. *Will* carryed with him from Mr. *Lanes* four Bottles of Brandy with a Letter from Mr. *Lane*.

I have not ſent Miſs *Mollys* Spinnet, Mr. *Cook* telling me it would be ſpoilt if ſent in wet Weather; he has promiſed me to Tune it to day or to morrow; the Frame &c referred till another time by reaſon of ye weather.

Yeſterday I laid before his Excy in Council according to order the Treaſurers Accounts, together with your Computation of the Auditor's fees for Auditting the ſame. Whereupon his Excellency referred it to the Gent. of the Council or any five of them to Examine. whether the Computation of the Auditor's Salary be right, I acquainted him with ye Reaſon of your ſo ſuddenly leaving the Town.

Robert King to Iſaac Bobin.

PERTH AMBOY, *Septembr* 24th 1723.

Sir

PURSUANT to Mr. *Thomas Dunckans* requeſt have inquired for a Negro Wench whither ſhe may ſute Mr. Secty *Clarks* Service I know not—

but that ſhe hath bin in this Country abt three years hath a healthy Like man Childe of abt Eight mo: ould; I believe will be ſould for 50 or 51 *l* her want of being well taught is the only objection I make ſhe hath but Lately faln into propper hands was my ſervant near two years, the dutty Negros are ſubject to at *N: York* I find will make the owner ſcruple ſending her in caſe it be required untill that be Clear'd, tho' tis likely

that doctr *Hume* pd it when he imported her wth other Negros pleaſs to favour me with your anſware that I may Let the owner of the Servt know, with my moſt humble reſpects to Mr. *Clarke*,

Sir Your moſt Humble Servt

ROBT KING.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
September ye 28th 1723.

Hond Sir,

THE Drugget &c. from Mr. *Schuyler* is ready to go by *Riche* as well as Miſs *Molly's* Spinnet. Mr. *Cook* promiſed me ſome New Tunes for her but is gone without giving me any.—

I have not heard from *Amboy* about Mr. *King's* Wench but will write again.

I have been with Mrs. *Vernon* concerning *Windiford's* Negro Wench, who tells me ſhe muſt have a further Tryall of her before ſhe can give her Opinion; The Wench goes there again Monday next for further Tryal.

Coll. *Lurting* has not any of your damnifyed flannen left, Mr. *Lane* informs me that he has ſent Mr. *Chiſwells* Bills for you by Mr. *Bickley*.

Franks informs me the Veſſel he came in from *London* will not ſail for that place before the middle of next Month. I have paid Mr. *Brownell* for Miſs *Mollys* ſchooling as likewiſe for Six Balls of Gold & one of Silver Thread for Miſs *Molly*, at £1. 6*ſ*. which I ſend now by Mr. *Winman* the Upholſterer. The bearer being impatient to go will give me time to add nothing more.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Octobr ye 1st 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of. Yesterday by good Mr. *Bickley*, and will be carefull in sending Miss *Mollys* Spinnet &c^a by *Riche*, with the other things you write for.

I have writ again to *Amboy*.

Sr Upon hearing that Doctor *Dupuy* had a Negro Wench to dispose of I have spoke to him concerning her who tells me the Attorney General and some others are about buying her, but you shall have the preference, he is willing to let her go upon Tryal for a Month, not doubting but you'll find her a good slave, She is about Nineteen and twenty Years of age

brought up in his Family from an Enfant, he will not take leſs for her than fifty five pounds. Mrs. *Harding* ſent a White woman Servant to me with the incloſed Note who ſays She is willing to ſerve you if you have occaſion, That ſhe underſtands any thing belonging to Houſehold affairs y^t ſhe and her huſband is come from *Boſton* where they had a ſmall Settlement in the Country but the Indians having deſtroyed which reduced them to look for a livelyhood, her huſband likewiſe offers his ſervices if you have occaſion, he tells me he has been brought up to Agriculture Huſbandry and that he likewiſe underſtands Weaving, They are people about thirty years of age Sturdy and ſtrong and ſeem well made to work —

I have ſpoke to *Lawrence* con-

cerning the Clover ſeed who has promiſed me very faithfully to bring it next Trip—

As to the Lawyers Accounts Mr. *Wilcman* has taken the Minutes of the Supream Court from me in order to make them out, he ſhewed me that he has begun upon them, and ſays that he will ſet all buſineſs aſide to Compleat them, I told him that he had ſo often made ſuch promiſes that you had no hopes of his ever compleating them, and that I would do them, in Anſwer to which he told me no one could do them ſo well as himſelf they having been taken in his time, and y^t he ſhould be as uneaſy as yourſelf till they were done.

Since I writ this I have received yours by *Will*, and ſend now by him —— of Candles, an hour Glaſs 1*ſ* 6*d* a pound of Bohea Tea £1;

half a hundred of Gun Flint 2*ſ* 6*d* and four yards and three Nailes of y^d^ Wide Flannen, & 8 p^d^ of Hops. As to Hemp Seed I have Enquired of Capt *Searl* who tells me he has not any, nor does not know of any in Town, but that he has writ to *Jerſey* for ſome and if he gets any will ſpare me as much as you deſire. As to Miſs *Mollys* muſick it will go with the Spinnot. The things from Mrs. *Schuyler* go likewiſe with *Will*, Mrs. *Schuyler* has thought fit to ſend the whole piece of Drugget and what remains ſhe take back.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Octobr ye 16*th* 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of yesterday and have paid *Nurse Parker* five pounds and send inclosed in Small Bills, three pounds.

The several sundarys sent by *Will* are mentioned in the within memo. with their prices. I have ventur'd to buy a pair of stockings over and above the number mentioned in your Letter *Will* telling me he is very much in want of a pair, and that he had forgot to speak to you otherwise they wou'd have been mentioned in the Letter, As to ye scales &c. they must go by next Opportunity the Man not having got them ready according to promise.

The p^s of Linen from Mrs. *Schuyler* I am afraid is too Coarſe but ſhe tells me ſhe has no other y^t comes near the price you deſired as y^t now ſent ye price being £3. 8*ſ*. her Family is very much out of Order and deſires to be excuſed if ſhe cannot doe as ſhe could wiſh.

Mr. *Kennedy* tells me the Quit Rents come in ſo ſlow that he has very little Caſh in hand but if 9 or 10 pounds will be of any ſervice he will advance it on Credit of the Warrant.

Bradford has not any of *Lillys* Accedences or Accedences and Grammars, but expects ſome dayly from *Boſton* as well as *Philadelphia*—

The Letters you ſent to the Treaſurers I have Copy'd ſeal'd and delivered to him, who tells me he is indiſpoſed with the Feaver inſomuch that he is not able to take

Pen in hand to make anſwer to it but ſo ſoon as he is better will.

The Clover ſeed goes now by *Will* as likewiſe Mr. *Dupuys* Negro Wench, I could not prevail upon her maſter to give her two Blankets ſo have bought her a couple according to order, he has given her a pair of New Shoes and Stockins.

I underſtand ſhe does not want for Cloſe, ſhe is unwilling to be ſold, and her Miſtreſs as unwilling to part from her, which makes the Dr afraid ſhe'll be ſtuborn and ſay ſhe can do nothing but deſires you'll not believe her for ſhe can do every thing belonging to a Houſe, except milking a Cow, She has liv'd ſome time with Mr. *Nicholls* the Poſt Maſter which made me Inquire of him as to her Character who tells me ſhe is a Wench knows the buſineſs of a Houſe, but that who ever

buys her muſt have a watchful Eye over her otherwiſe ſhe will be apt to Idle her time. I have enquired at other places where ſhe has liv'd but do not hear an Ill Character of her, I hope ſhe may anſwer to Expectation.

The Veſſell for *London* will ſail next week.

I can't get any Spaniſh Tobacco but have ſent all I had in the Office and am with reſpect

Sir

Your moſt obedient

humble Servant

I Bobin.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Octobr ye 21st 1723.

Hon^d Sir

AT the requeſt of Mr. *Haſkoll* I ſend you the incloſed by the bearer (who is paid for his Journey by the Governour) —

I ſend you by this opportunity Mr. *Byerlys* Bond & Mortgage which I have Recorded and Examined.

Capt *Solgard* arrived here yeſterday from his Cruiſe.

I hear they have done very little as yet in *Jerſey*. That ſince the Governour has been there they have had but one Council, and the Aſſembly have Reſolved to ſtrike Bills of Credit to the Value of forty thouſand pounds the one half to be Proclamation and the other half to

bear the Credit of *New York* Currency; the whole to be ſunk in 20 years.

I met laſt Saturday *Andrew Johnſton* who told me the reaſon of not anſwering my Letter was his coming to Town that he had enquired as to ye Ch. of the Negro Wench to be diſpoſed of at *Amboy*, that he is informed ſhe is ſtuborn & not very active at her work, that ſhe belongs to one *Harriſon* who was formerly Sheriff of *Amboy*, and the only reaſon of her being ſold is the want of money—The price he tells is Seventy five pounds for her and her Child about four years of age which I look on to be a very extraordinary price, eſpecially for one that has not being long in the Country, and knows but little as he tells me. I hope *Dupuy's* Wench will pleaſe Mad^m^ *Clarke*, ſo if you believe ſhe

will not do I ſhould be glad to know that I may Inquire further and am

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Octob. ye 29th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yeſterday by *Will* and ſend now by him the ſeveral particulars mentioned in the incloſed Memorandum, The other things I will endeavor to get ready to go by *Riche*.

I have incloſed four Pounds, & have given *Will* 22*ſ*. to buy a Hatt at the Ferry for your Carpenter.

The bearer arrived here Saturday laſt from *London* after a Paſſage of Six weeks — The *Sunderland* was to follow him in Six days after he

Sailed, and the Ship *Samuel* in ten, Captain *Symes* is Confirmd as likewiſe *Blood* who is Commanded up to *Albany*, and young Mr. *Riggs* is to take his Poſt here — As to News I begg leave to referr you to ye incloſed Papers which Mr. *Delancey* has been ſo kind to give me.

The incloſed Letters I received from Mr. *Nicholls* except one which I believe to be from Mr. *Dongan*.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
*November y^e^* 13th 1723.

Hon^d^ Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yeſterday by *Will*, I have been at Dr. *Dupuys* but have not ſeen him but expect to ſee him ſome time to Day I will then mention to him

what you write me concerning *Mary*, I believe it will be neceſſary to take a Bill of Sale for her when the Money is paid. —

Capt *Low* won't Let the Boy go on Tryal. —

Meſſ^rs *Schuyler* and *Van Brugh* tell me they can not now inform me of what you deſire but will be particular in ſending an anſwer by ye Poſt to every thing after they arrive at *Albany*, The Deed they have carryed with them in order to be Executed there by Coll *Jno Sylveſter*. I incloſe you Mr. *Van Dams* Memorandum of the Account relating to *Schohare* thoſe Gentlemen have been very Extravigant in their Account, in one Article they charged twenty five pounds for y^t Expence and fatiague of their Voyage from *Albany*, which Article is ſtruck out as well as ſome others which Mr.

Van Dam look'd upon to be very Exhorbitant. Mr. *Kennedy* has paid me £15. on account of your Warrant of Incidents which ſum is incloſed, and he was juſt then going for *Amboy* ſo that he had not time to fill up the Blanks in the Account of Mr. *Walpoles* Horſe.

I have received from Mr. *Bickley* 44 Ounces & a half of Silver at 9*ſ* ℔ Ounce.—The *Beaver* will ſaile the twentyeth of this Inſtant—*Bradford* has not yet got any of *Lillys* accidences or Grammars he has promiſed to let me know when they come As to flax I have not yet inquired for any Expecting that Mr. *Dongan* in his Letters to you might have given you an account of ſome, but have ſent £1. p^d for preſent uſe. I will now Enquire for that as well as Hemp ſeed I cannot get any Spaniſh Tobacco

good enough to ſend now, but will ſee further againſt next opportunity.

The ſhip *Sunderland* arrived here monday laſt, after a Paſſage of 7 weeks from ye *Lizard* Capt *Symes* is come with his Commiſſion for Captain; the King was expected home ye 2^{d} of October.

There was not any Letters for you in the Poſt Office; that for Mad^{m} *Hyde* I had from Mr. *Nicholls*.

Mr. *Cook* has ſent ſeveral Wires that Miſs *Molly* may take which ſhe thinks will ſuit Beſt, he tells me that he is very ſorry Miſs has left the Town for that ſhe will forget all ſhe has Learnt; he propoſes to go to the *Plains* ſome time next week, but ſays he cant confine himſelf to the Country above a Day; he deſired me preſent his humble ſervices to yourſelf Mad^{m} *Clarke* Mad^{m} *Hyde* and Miſs *Molly*,

Molly Decan defired me likewife to mention y^t^ fhe Joyns therein. I fend now by *Will* with the other things mentioned in ye jnclofed memorandum a few Limes which I hope you'll accept from

S^r^

&c.

I. BOBIN.

Mr. *Clarke.*

C. Denne to Ifaac Bobin.

DEN HILL, *noub^r^ y^e^* 14. 1723.

Kind S^r^

I RECEUED yours dated oct^r^ ye 30: I mett with the doctors man & *beats* together I Red. that Letter to *beats* as you writte to him & alfo Repremanded him ffor Giuen the Doctors Land an ill Report; he has promifed me that he will not

doe ſoe no more ffor the time to Come the docters man was uery well ſatisffied and told to me that *beats* would go off without any ffurther trouble Sr I ſhall always be Redy to ſerue you or yours when I haue Reſeued ſoe many ffauours ffrom & hope I ſhall Liuee to make you amends ffor, which I haue not yet done.

Sr I now make bold to trouble you with a Line or to ffor to Lett you know that our good neighbours haue been a plotting againſt me again there is that white Lookt Gent *John Everett* and *duning* has made it theire hole buſneſs to ſett Juſtice *Alſup* and my ſelfe at uarence which is at a uery hie degree & alſoe againſt Judge *Blagg* & old Mr. *Clowes* Sr I pray pardon me ffor it is to Long to much ffor to give you the hole acompt but If you ſhould

ſee Judge *Blagg* he will in fform to you the hole matter Sr my ſeruice to your ſelfe & to Docter *Dupuy* & to my Good ffrind *John Chambers* whoe is with Reſpect

Your ffrind & humble ſervt

C. DENNE.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Novr ye 22d 1723.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 18th jnſt, and am glad to hear you have hopes the ſervant I ſent will do; after copying and ſealing *Lawrence Smyth's* Letter I have ſent it under Cover to Mr. *Andrew Johnſon* deſiring him to forward it; all the Papers you ſent me I ſend now back by this Opportunity fairly Copyed and Examined.

The Letters you ſent for *England* I have put into the *Beaver's* Bagg — The Treaſurer continues much indiſpoſed ſo that he does not know when he ſhall be able to get his Accounts ready — I ſend herewith 20*l* of 22^{d} nails and ſix q^{r} of Copying Paper.

I will obſerve what you write me concerning Mr. *Van Dam*, When *Riche* comes I will ſend by him The Candles and Chocolate and the Charrot Wheels if they be ready.

I am

S^{r}

&c.

I. Bobin.

X

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFF., N. YORK,
Novembr ye 27th 1723.

Hond Sir

I SEND now by *Riche* a Box of Candles and am ſorry thoſe I ſent before of Mrs. *Smiths* prov'd ſo bad, thoſe that go now I have bought at one *Peltreau* where I was jnform'd they were better. As to the Chocolate it is ſo dear I have not ſent any the loweſt they aſk is two and nine pence the pound and that but very Indifferent Cocoa being ſold at 10 & 11 pounds the hundred.

Sunday laſt arrived here the ſhip *Samuel* from *London* the 23d of September and from the *Downs* the 29th It is Believed ſhe will ſail from hence in about 10 or fourteen days the greateſt part of her loading

being ready — Mr. *Sharpas* prefents his humble Service to you and Mad^{m} *Clarke* as likewife to Mad^{m} *Hyde* and Mifs *Molly* in wch I beg leave to Join and has defired me to fend you the inclofed Political ftates for the Months of July and Auguft laft.

The Treafurer continues ftill jndifpofed.

We are not yet upon any certainty when the Governour will come from *Jerfey*.

I have not yet heard from Mr. *Smith* of *Amboy*.

Yours &c.

I. Bobin.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
Dec. ye 6th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

IT was last night before I rec^d yours of the 23^d past by *Riche*— I have sent you the Papers therein mentioned fairly Copyed by Mr. *Lawrence* which I hope you have received.

Mr. *Wileman* tells me has near compleated the Lawyers acc^ts I send now by *Riche* a pound of Bohea Tea £1. 9*s* an ou of Blew sewing silk 4*s* 6.

The *Sunderland* is bound this Trip for *Jamaica*, We have no other Vessell going for *London* but the *Samuel* which will sail the Latter End of next week.

Mrs. *Patty Ludlow* having not

time to go with me to buy ye Huckaback you write for and *Riche* being in haſte to go it muſt therefore be ſent by next opportunity.

Coll *Riggs* deſires me to preſent his humble ſervice to you Mad^m and Mad^m *Hyde*.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
January ye 7th 1723.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 4th Inſtant, and ſend now the ſeveral particulars mentioned in the incloſed memorandum.

The wine I hope you'll find good—it is bought of *Jno Vanhorn* where Mr. *Sharpas* had is, I cou'd not prevail upon him to ſpare a Hogſhead—

George Burnet has not any Blew Stockings at 9*s*. a p^r^ left, but has ſent two p^r^ of Blew at 10*s*. and the Purple and Green @ 9*s*. as likewiſe a p^r^ of coarſe @ 6*s*. he is willing not to be paid for them before he knows whether Mad^m^ *Clarke* likes them. I ſend you Mrs. *Schuylers* Accounts and the Key of the Trunk, The Enrollment of all the Laws ſince the Governours arrival is perfected & I will obſerve what you write me in taking a fair opportunity of getting a Warrant for that Service as well as for Incidents and the Rent Roll.

The Govr & Council has appointed Dr. *Colden* Surveyor and Commiſſioner with Mr. *Hariſon* Coll *Provooſt* and Mr. *Janſen* or any 3 of them to meet on the 1st Tueſday in February next at *Rye*, the Com^rs^ to be appointed by *Connecticut* for

running the Line between this Province and that Colony.

I have given *Will* Eighteen pence to pay for mending *Molly Shepards* ſhoes.

Mr. *Wileman* tells me he has near finiſhed the Lawyers Bills and is now going on in order to compleat them.

Mr. *Kennedy* has paid me the Ballance of your account which I ſend herewith together with the Receipts you deſire, and a Letter from him. Incloſed is a Letter from *England* by the way of *Boſton*, The Veſſell arriv'd brings no news worthy Notice.

I ſend incloſed the *Boſton* & *Philadelphia* Papers of laſt Poſt.

The Smith y^t^ mended your Jack was imployed by one *Robin* a Braſier to whom *Will* gave it for mending, the Smith is gone to the Country

and the Brafier tells me he paid him 6*ſ.* for mending of it but that ſince it ſo happens y^t^ it will not doe he will not charge it.

I have not heard from the Man that promiſed me the Flaxſeed. I will Enquire further.

I heartily wiſh you a happy New Year and many others with Mad^m^ *Clarke* and your good family. The Guns go back mended as likewiſe the Jack, I am

Yours

I Bobin.

Memorandum of Sundrys ſent by Will January ye 7th 172¾.

12 ℔ of hard Soap at *Peltereau* Senr	£0. 6. 0
1^l^ of Bohea Tea at Mrs. *Kierſteds*	0. 19. 0
1 Quarter Caſk of Wine at Mr. *John Vanhorne*	7. 0. 0

A pair of white Girls ſhoes	£0. 6. 0
Negro ſhoes	0. 5. 6
Tacks	0. 2. 0
Yeſt	0. 0. 9
Five pair of ſtockings from *George Burnet*	2. 4. 0

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
March ye 3*d* 172¾.

Hon*d* Sir,

I HAVE received yours of the 13th paſt by *Riche* the ſeveral particulars mentioned in the incloſed memorandum go now by him, The doz. of Bos Combs and Comb Bruſh Mrs. *Clarke* was ſo kind to take with her. I can not meet with a pair of kidd gloves of a ſize fit for Miſs *Molly*, nor a large kitchen knife; I have ſent all the ſilk I could get near the Pattern ſent.

Y

I will Enquire for Garden Beans and ſpeak to Mr. *DeLancey* for ſome Gooſberry Trees.

I ſend you a few Limes which I deſire you'll pleaſe to accept. I have put 'em in a little Bagg and ſeald it to prevent *Riche* taking toll as he calls it, & have ye promiſe of more to morrow with ſome Oranges which I will put aſide again to next opportunity of ſending.

Mr. *Bickley* and Mad^m *Bickley* are come to ſtay at their Houſe in Town till after the Supreame Court, Mr. *Bickley* being very weak but is now upon ye mending hand, they both preſent their humble ſervice to you and Mad^m *Clarke* as likewiſe Miſs *Hyde*. I have written a third letter about the Flax—

A Liſt of Sundarys ſent by Riche March 3d 1723 vizt

Three pound of Chocolate	£0.	7.	6
One yd of ſtuff	0.	2.	6
One oz & ½ of Sowing ſilk ſcarce wt but is all that could be got			
31 Gal. of Molaſſes @ 1 *ſ.* 10 *d*	2.	16.	0
pound of Bohea Tea	0.	18.	0
Three ſheets of Minikin Pins	0.	3.	0
Three Blue Laces	0.	5.	0

If ye prices of any of the above particulars are not liked they will be taken again.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S. Office, New York,
March 14th 172[illegible].

Hond Sir,

I HAVE received yours of ye 10th Instant by Mr. *Lawrence* and am glad the little fruit I sent met with your kind acceptance. I send you some Tobacco.

I have sent you a Taft of old *Burnets* Tea at 8*s*. a pound its some that he bought at Vendue & I am jnformed is damaged, brought here by *Hickford* the Privateer, I am sorry Mrs. *Bergen* has disappointed Madm *Clarke*, but I will Enquire else where.

The Coach maker has better than half finished the Wheels, and tells me they had been done before now

had not one of his Men fallen ſick but will ſee to get them done out of hand.

I ſend you incloſed five pounds in ſmall Bills, We have had two very dead quarters for buſineſs of the Office but hope it will be briſker. I ſend you ſome Salecia Lettice ſeed, Cabbage Lettice ſeed, and Sellery ſeed as much of every ſort as I could get, as likewiſe five quarts of Beans, being all the Man would ſpare, having promiſed ſome to Mr. *DeLancey*.

Mr. *DeLancey* tells me the Gooſberry Trees are ready at half a hours warning.

Incloſed is a letter from Mr. *Phillipſe* concerning Mrs. *Hegeman*. I have omitted to acquaint you that the governour approves of your thoughts of admoniſhing Mr. *Phillipſe* the Diſſenting Miniſter and

directed me to ſend him a Letter of admonition accordingly.

Mr. *Bickley* laſt night was taken with a Bleeding of the Noſe, but is better to day, he purpoſes to pay you a viſit after a Supream Court is over and ſtay for ſome time retired.

I am ſorry to hear you have ſprained your hand. The Governour will go for *Jerſeys* the Beginning of next Month.—I am &c.

I. Bobin.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
June the 8th 1724.

Hon^d Sir,

I HAVE had the happyneſs of ſeeing Madam *Clarke* and receiving her Commands—She has had Six pounds and Miſs *Molly* four Dollars.

I will obſerve what you write me concerning *Cook;* Miſs has been ſo kind to promiſe to let me know the Day ſhe begins.

I will endeavour to get ſuch Cyder as you deſire—

Madam *Clarke* has a pound of Bohea Tea, as to Ink powder there is none in Town.

I ſend you incloſed the Votes from the firſt of this jnſtant to the fourth; a Committee of ye Houſe have ſince Reported that they had Examined the accounts of the Treaſurer and find that the Colony on the 13 of this jnſtant will be in arrear the ſum of £3721. 15. 7½ 'tis believed they will go upon the *Jerſey* project in raiſing of Money to the value of one hundred or four ſcore thouſand pounds this is what they talk off over a glaſs of Wine at the widdow *Poſt's*, but nothing as yet has been

motion'd in the Houſe relating thereto.

They will ſtrike New Bills of Credit in the Room of the old.

I will be carefull in giving you timely notice of every thing that may be in agitation.

Ludlow tells me it will be a fortnight or three weeks before there will be any buſineſs for the Council. I have done what you deſired concerning *Sarah Tudor*.

Johnſon for *Holland* ſayl'd this day —

I am &c.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S. Offe New York,
June ye 18th 1724.

Hond Sir

I HAVE received yours of yeſterday by *Cæſar*, The Chariot Wheels and Boards are ready to go

by *Riche* I will in the mean time get the Lynſeed Oyl and what elſe is wanting, as to Cyder I cannot find any in Town that I dare venture upon. There goes now by *Cæſar* twelve pound of Soap and pair of Childs ſhoes with four pounds four ſhillings in Dollars—

The affair of Mr. *Dublois* I will ſee to adjuſt.

Miſs *Molly* is very well.

Madam *Bickley* yeſterday proved Mr. *Bickley's* Will.

Myndert Schuyler Yeſterday took his place in the Aſſembly in the Room of *Hanſen;* he tells me he jntends to pay you a viſit next week having ſomething to offer which he believes will be very much for your and his advantage.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
June ye 27*th* 1724.

Hon^d Sir

I HAVE received this morning yours of Yesterday by *Will.* I have been at the Treasurers but he was not at home. I will go there again for his answer to what you desire and let you know when his accounts will be ready to audit.

The several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum go by *Will* with an ac^t of those that could not be got.

The Assembly have not done any thing worthy of notice since my last — The money to be levyed for repair of the Garrison they have Resolved to raise upon a Land Tax.

Mr. *Hariſon* is appointed Recorder of this City in the Room of Mr. *Jamiſon*.

The Chairott Wheels and Planks are gone by *Riche*.

I ſend ſix pair of Gloves for Mad^m *Clarke*; theſe for Miſs *Molly* I have ſent to Mrs. *Vernons*.

Capt. *Solgard* arrived yeſterday from *Virginia* he gave me the incloſed for forwarding to you—incloſed is ten Dollars.

I will remember what you write me concerning old *Burnet*.

I wiſh you a good harveſt and am with all due regard S^r

&c.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
August ye 11*th* 1724.

Hon^d Sir,

I SEND you by *Goodwin* a Hogshead of Madera which I hope will prove to content, I have been carefull to get a good Hogshead to put it in, but wish the drawing it off from the Pipe to the Hogshead may not alter its Body. Mr. *Read* was willing I should take the Pipe but did not know what to do without your order.

Mad^m *Burnet* was brought bedd this morning off a son.

I have been very uneasy at the Coach makers changing the boxes of your Charrott Wheels & have sent him a Threatning Letter which I hope may bring them to light.

The fellow to whom I paid the Money for him ſwears they are the ſame that were brought from the *Plains*, but I believe him to be a Rogue like the other.

I am glad you met with better weather on Saturday than you expected and am

I have delivered your Letter to Mr. *Le Heup*.

John Rochead to Iſaac Bobin.

JAMAICA, *ffryday night* 172$\frac{4}{5}$.

Dr Iſaac

I HAVE ſent by the Bearer *Thomas Brown* a ſilver hilted ſword which pleaſe deliver to Capt *Andrew Nicoll* of your fort and receive nine pounds for it; the ſpair ſcabbard he ſhall have when I come to Town.

Pleaſe forward the Incloſed for *Edinburgh* in yours to Mr. *Willard* in *Boſton;* you need not incloſe it in that to your father but lett him put yours and it into the firſt ſhips Bagg bound for *London, Briſtol* &c.

I deſyre you would get heavy gold (if it is not to much trouble) for the ſword money I deſign to ſee the Secretary's family on Munday if you have any Commands thither lett me have them by the Bearer.

Give Sir *George Oglevie's* Note to Mr. *Jamiſon* jun^r to ſue & if you want a power to do it ſhall ſend him one — Your new Major *W*—— here is dangerouſly Ill. *Jamie* gives his ſervice to you and landlord, as does

Your moſt hearty humble S^t

JOHN ROCHEAD.

Tho: Brown did not go to Town till Wenſday & then ſhall ſend y^e ſword.

Isaac Bobin to Govr Burnet.

May it pleaſe yor Excellency

I HAVE received yor Ex^cys Lre with y^t of Capt *Barnaret's* to y^r Excellency and accordingly prepared a Warrant for the Auditting and adjuſting The ſeveral Acc^ts of Diſburſements for Careening his Majeſty's ſhip under his Command as well as to Enquire into the preſent Currency of Exchange for Bills drawn by him on the Navy which I ſend herewith.

I am obliged by this Opportunity to give your Excellency the trouble of ſome Blank Let Paſſes wch I deſire you'll be pleaſed to ſign and ſeal.

The incloſed Letters were given me Yeſterday by one Monſieur *Rameſay* the Governours Son of *Mountreall*

for forwarding to your Excellency, he is under much concern for the Seal of one of them being broke by Accident in his Pocket & has defired me to acquaint you y^t he hopes your Excellency will Entertain a better opinion of him than to believe he has toucht the Seal; he very much wifhed for ye happynefs of feeing you he with another Gentleman from *Canada* is gone for *Rhode Ifland* in order for *Bofton* upon what Errant I know not.

Capt *Smith* Mafter of the *Beaver* defired me to acquaint your Excellency that he will fail the 20th of this Inftant, I embrace the Opportunity to Exprefs my Concern for the trouble my Father has given you of his Letter and to affure your Excellency I will not be wanting to anfwer his defire fo far as I am able, for I have nothing more at

heart than my tender Parent, and the long life and prosperity of your Excellency and Family, being with great truth and respect

Sir

Your Excellencys

Most humble and

most obedient

Servant

Mr. Wileman to Mr. Bobin.

Sr

AS to any particular order or minutes relating to any person's particular business, I hold it requisite you may give copies of ye minutes or orders of Council. But as to private affairs or ye state of ye government without particular order from ye Governr and Councill I would not give copies of such.

I am Sr your humble servt

H. W.

Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
July the 15th 1729.

Sir

I DO not find that I am impowered to give out any attested copys of the minutes of Councill &ca relating to publick affairs, or the affairs of the Government here, without an order from the Board. I am with respect Sir Your most obedient servant

IS BOBIN

Lewis Morris Junr Esqr

Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
April 23, 1730.

Sir

I AM commanded by his Excellency to acquaint you that this day he communicated to the Coun-

cil his Majeſty's Warrant to him diſmiſſing you from being one of the members of that Board, a copy whereof is incloſed. And I am ordered by his Excellency to tell you that purſuant to his Majeſty's Royal Will and pleaſure, he has diſmiſt you from your place at that Board and ſworn and admitted *Phillip Cortlandt* Eſq^r in your room

I am

Sr

Your humble serv^t

Is Bobin

To *Lewis Morris* Junr Eſq.

Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,

September the 14th 1730.

Hon^d Sir,

I RECEIVED yours of Saturday laſt by Mr *Corey* and now ſend by him the hatt for Maſter *Hyde*,

a p^d of Bohea Tea and a pound of Thread.

There has not been any Councill ſince you left the Town, the Governour paſt laſt week very merrily but his Exc^y is now laid up with the gout.

All the Wills for Mr *Silveſter* are finiſhed and delivered to Mr. *Corey*.

(1)

INDEX.

ACCIDENCES, Lilly's, none in New York, 156.

Acts of assembly to be sent "home," 137.

Ague, Mr. Bobin recovers from an attack of, 89; prevalent in Amboy, 90.

Albany, president Schuyler about to go to, 38, 39; price of beer of, 46; gov. Burnet about to embark for, 88; Mr. Collins of, promises to pay Mr. Clarke's fees soon, 96; illegal trade carried on with Canada from, 132; lieut. Blood ordered to, 162; Messrs. Schuyler and Vanbrugh going to, 163; charges for a journey to Schoharie from, ib.

Alcohol (see *Spirits of wine*).

Alexander, Mr., at Amboy, letter from George Clarke sent to, 10; claims fees for marriage licenses, 11; mentioned, 141.

Alsup, justice, efforts to create difficulty between Mr. Denne and, 167.

Amboy, Mr. Alexander with governor (Hunter) at, 10; the governor recovered from his indisposition at, 12; gov. Burnet at, 77; gov. Burnet expected in New York from, 105; vessels bound for London at, 125; a negro wench for sale at, 143; description of the woman, 148; Mr.

Bobin has not heard from, 149; will write again to, 151; character of the negro wench for ſale at, 160; Mr. Harriſon formerly ſheriff of, ib.; Mr. Kennedy going to, 164; nothing heard from Mr. Smith of, 171.

Amſterdam, capt. Goelet arrives in New York from, 16; Royal Prince galley arrives in New York from, 56.

Andros, ſir Edmund, carries New York records to Boston, 113.

Anthony ——, 105.

Appraizers, Mr. Harriſon and col. Lurting empowered to appoint deputy, 119.

Arnell, Elinoar, 49.

Aſhton ——, a leather merchant in New York, 42.

Aſſembly, N. J., proclamation iſſued for the meeting of, 53; called to meet at Burlington, 60; ſpeeches of gov. Burnet to, and addreſſes to him from the, ſent to Mr. Clarke, 80 (ſee *Burlington*).

Aſſembly, N. Y., about to adjourn, 49; further adjourned, 74; further adjourned, 79; appoints a committee to examine the late treaſurer's accounts, 84; circulars ſent to call a meeting of the, 125; Mr. Bobin ſends Mr. Clarke the votes of the, 183; examine the treaſurer's accounts, ib.; expected to authorize the iſſue of bills of credit to the amount of £100,000, ib.; Myndert Schuyler takes his ſeat in, 185; reſolve to raiſe money by a tax on land, 186.

Atterbury, biſhop (ſee *Rocheſter*).

Attorney general, the, deſires to buy Dr. Dupuy's negro woman, 151.

BAKER, Mr., reports the removal of Mr. Philipſe from the council, 85.
Barbadoes, negroes arrive in New York from, 35; a veſſel arrives in New York from, 138.
Barberie, Mr., warrants paid to, 8; merchant of New York, 40; appointed to examine the late treaſurer's accounts, 84.
Barnaret, capt., H. M. ſhip under his command careened in New York, 191.
Barry, Anthony, letter of, 1; clerk in ſecretary's office, Ireland, 4.
Baſs, ſent to Mr. Clarke; beginning to be ſcarce in New York, 78; price of, 108.
Bayeux, Mr., gives Mr. Clarke ſome roots of coronation pinks, 75.
Beans, price of, 124; ſent to Mr. Clarke, 181.
Beats ——, 166; a ſquatter, 167.
Beaver, ſhip, arrives in New York from London, 81; date of ſailing from New York uncertain, 84; expected to ſail ſoon for London, 104; about to ſail from New York for London, 164, 192; Mr. Clarke's letters ſent by, 169.
Beck, ſir Joſeph, an eminent merchant, bankrupt by the fall in South Sea ſtock, 57.
Beeckman, col., appointed to examine the late treaſurer's accounts, 84.
Beef, price of, 74, 124, 140, 146.
Beer, Albany, price of, 46.
Beer and cider to be ſent to Mr. Clarke, 13.
Belcher, Mr., 8.
Bergen, Mr., 180.
Bibles, price of, 97.
Bickely, Mr., 97, 99; remarks on a paragraph of a

committee of the council on miſſing records, 112; viſits Mr. Clarke, 150; returns to New York, 151; Mr. Bobin receives ſilver from, 164; come to New York to attend the ſupreme court, 178; in bad health, ib.; attacked with bleeding of the noſe, 182; his will proved, 185.

Bickley, Mrs., 178.

Bills of credit, the aſſembly of New Jerſey reſolve to iſſue, 159; to be ſunk in 20 years, 160; the New York aſſembly about to authorize the iſſue of, 183, 184.

Biſſet, capt. Andrew, arrives with his veſſel in New York from London, 121.

Bit, a coin current in New York, 140, 141.

Blagg, juſtice, 167, 168.

Blake ——, ſervant of Mr. Clarke, money paid to, 41, 59, 63, 79, 103; ſupplies ſent to Mr. Clarke by, 71; proves a villain, 100; a writ taken out againſt, 101.

Blood, lieut., ordered to Albany, 162.

Boards, pine, price of, 74.

Bobin, Iſaac, letter of Anthony Barry to, 1; formerly in office in Ireland, 3; deputy to George Clarke, ſec. of prov. of New York, apologizes for his abſence from the office, 8; ſick, 9; applies to Mr. Wileman for his accounts, 9; put off with promiſes, 10; ſalary of, 11; complains that Mr. Alexander claims fees for marriage licenſes, ib.; ſends ſecretary Clarke a remedy for the ſmall pox, 12; ſends ſupplies to him, 13, 18, 75; wiſhes Mr. Clarke and family a happy New Year, 14; reports that the council has not ſate for nearly a month, 16, and that the preſident is about to

call it together, 17; promifes Mr. Fauconnier fome money, ib.; money fcarce with, 18, 19; fends fupplies to Mr. Clarke, 21; reports that the council is about to fit, ib; mails Mr. Clarke's letters, and reports that col. Rutfen neglects to complete the Hurly patent, 22; Edward Hyde requefts him to purchafe cloth, 23; fends fupplies to G. Clarke, 24, 27, *et feq.*; reports arrival of a veffel from England, 25, and that Mr. Burnet has been appointed governor of New York, 26; vindicates himfelf from the charge of being impofed on in his purchafes for Mr. Clarke, and explains the difficulty he experienced in attending to fuch commiffions, 29; fends Mr. Hyde's wig, 32; endeavors to procure a negro for Mr. Clarke, 33, 36, 39, 41, 104, 114, 115, 120, 128, 143, 148, 150, 151, 157, 160; promifes to give early intelligence of the arrival of gov. Burnet, 34; reports that prefident Schuyler is going to Albany, 38, 39; writes to capt. Rutfen to record the Hurley patent, 43; fends Mr. Clarke newfpapers, 47, 175; reports that the N. Y. affembly is about to adjourn, 48; fends the furrogate's commiffion for Queens co., 52; fends proclamations and circular letters convoking the affembly, 53, 54; remits money to Mr. Clarke, 53, 73, 78, 97, 108, 135, 138, 155, 161, 185, 187; fuggefts to chief juftice Morris the propriety of renewing the ordinance for the fitting of the fupreme court, 55; reports the ruinous fall of South Sea ftock, 56; reports that the gov. is about to meet the N. J. affembly, 60, 62; reports the drawing of a lottery in New York, and the death of col.

Heathcote, 64; buſy regulating the ſecretary's office, 65, 67; ſends Mr. Clarke copy of lord Godolphin's diſpatch reſtoring Mr. Byerly to office, 67; reports the general talk in town about gov. Burnet and Miſs Vanhorn, 68; takes tickets in a lottery for Mr. Clarke, 70; reports the return of gov. Burnet from New Jerſey, 78 (ſee *Burnet*); ſends Mr. Clarke copy of the ſpeeches and addreſs during the ſitting of the N. J. aſſembly, 80; and reports that great preparations are making for gov. Burnet's wedding, ib.; ſends Mr. Clarke news from England, 81, 119, 121; is commanded by gov. Burnet to acquaint Mr. Clarke that he requeſts his attendance in New York, 83, 85; reports that a committee has been appointed to audit the treaſurer's accounts, 84; pays Mr. Hyde's paſſage to England, 87; reports that the gov. is about to go to Albany, 88; ſick of fever and ague, 89; ſays that fever and ague prevails at Amboy, 90; ſtates that trade is very dull in New York, and that no ſhips have cleared for a week, 91; reports the return of the gov. from Albany, 92; recovered from his illneſs, 93; reports the ſecretary's office very bare of money, 95, 96; receives a letter from his father, 103, 192; reports the action of the committee of the council on Mr. Clarke's account of incidents, 109, and on the abſtract of patents, 111; looks on the members of the council with a watchful eye, 113; reports that the N. Y. aſſembly is called together, 125, and that John Schuyler has been diſcovered carrying on an illegal trade with Canada, 132; promiſes to enquire for a dairymaid for Mr.

Clarke, ib.; reports that complaints have been laid before the gov. that exorbitant naturalization fees are exacted at the secretary's office, 134, and that 23 pirates have been condemned at Rhode Island, 135; states that the gov. will not allow any more illegal naturalization fees to be exacted, 136, and that the acts of the N. Y. assembly are ready to be sent "home," 137; sends Mr. Clarke a bottle of capers, 142; reports the reappointment of the mayors and sheriffs for New York and Albany, 145; pays Mr. Brownell for Miss Clarke's schooling, 150; reports news of the N. J. legislature, 159, and the confirmation of capt. Symes's commission, 162, 165; reports the enrollment of all the laws passed since gov. Burnet's arrival, 174, and that commissioners have been appointed to run the Connecticut line, ib.; reports that att'y genl. Bickley has been attacked with a bleeding at the nose, 182; transmits to Mr. Clarke the votes of the N. Y. assembly and informs him that bills of credit are about to be issued, 183, 184; reports probate of Mr. Bickley's will, 185, and that Mr. Harrison has been appointed recorder of New York, 187, and that Mrs. Burnet has been brought to bed of a son, 188; John Rochead sends a silver hilted sword for capt. Andrew Nicoll to, 189; letter of to gov. Burnet, 191; declines to furnish Mr. Morris with copies of minutes of council relating to public affairs, 194; notifies Mr. Morris that he has been dismiss the council, 195; informs Mr. Clarke that the gov. is laid up with the gout, 196.

Boelen, Mr., Dutch lawyer at New York, complains

of exorbitant fees being exacted for naturalization, 134.
Bolton, duke of, lord lieut. of Ireland, 4, 8.
Borr, brig. gen. (Jacob) commands a regiment of marines, 2.
Boſton, Geo. Clarke's letters ſent to, 26; Mr. Clarke's letters forwarded to, 66; N. Y. records carried to, 113; ox cart boxes expected from, 128; Mr. and Mrs. Harding come to New York from, 152; copies of Lilly's Accidences expected from, 156; Mr. Clarke receives a letter from England by way of, 175; newſpapers from, ſent to him also, ib.; letter ſent to Mr. Willard of, 190; M. Rameſay, of Canada, leaves New York for, 192.
Boundary between New York and Connecticut, commiſſioners appointed to determine the, 174.
Bradford, William, has no copies of Lilly's Accidences, 156, 164.
Braſier, ——, brings a letter from Eſopus for Mr. Clarke, 71.
Braſſier, Mrs., 99.
Brazier, Mr., 35.
Bridges, John, ſarrogate for Queens co., 52.
Briſtol (Eng.), a veſſel arrives in New York from, 119, 137.
Broadway, N. Y., 101.
Brooms, Indian, price of, 97.
Brown, Mr., 146.
Brown, Thomas, a ſilver hilted ſword ſent to capt. Nicoll by, 189, 190.
Brownell, Mr., paid for Miſs Molly Clarke's ſchooling, 150.

Brushes, price of, 74.
Buckingham, duke of, dead, 81.
Budgell, Mr., 3; secretary to the lords justices of Ireland, 4; desires to be remembered to Mr. Bobin, 7.
Burlington, the N. J. assembly to meet at, 60; not known when gov. Burnet will set out for, 61; gov. Burnet fixes a day for his departure for, 62; speeches of gov. Burnet and addresses of the assembly at, promised to Mr. Clarke, 79; sent, 80.
Burnet, George, 174; stockings purchased from, 177; buys damaged tea at auction, 180; mentioned, 187.
Burnet, William, appointed governor of New York, 26; an express to be sent to Mr. Clarke on the arrival of, 34; daily expected in New York, 35; frequent visits paid him during the holidays, 52; convokes the New Jersey legislature, 53; desires to see Mr. Clarke on the subject of appointing appraisers, 58; fixes a day for meeting the N. J. legislature, 59, 60; not known when he will set out for Burlington, 61; fixes the day for his departure for Burlington, 62; Mr. Bobin communicates news of the death of col. Heathcote to, 65; copy of his speech to the assembly of the Jerseys sent to Mr. Clarke, 68; much talk in New York about Miss Mary Vanhorn and, 69; arrives in New York from Amboy, and returns thither, 78; expected in New York, 79; speeches of, sent to Mr. Clarke, 80; great preparations making for his wedding, 80; letter sent to Mr. Clarke from, 81; requests the attendance of Mr. Clarke in New York, 83, 85;

about to embark for Albany, 88 ; his return from Albany to New York expected, 91 ; arrives there unexpectedly, 90 ; remains ſilent when informed that illneſs would prevent Mr. Clarke's waiting on him, 94 ; expected from Amboy, 105 ; going to Jerſey, 115 ; orders inſtructions to be prepared relative to probates of wills, 119 ; declines to appoint ſurrogates in remote counties, ib. ; orders veſſels from Jamaica to be quarantined, 125 ; calls a meeting of the N. Y. aſſembly, 125 ; going to Jerſey, ib. ; orders a minute of council to be ſent to Mr. Clarke, 129 ; complaints of the exaction of exorbitant naturalization fees lodged with, 134 ; declares ſuch fees unauthorized, 135 ; will allow only legal fees to be taken, 136 ; reappoints mayor and ſheriff of New York, 145 ; alſo of Albany, ib. ; about to go to Jerſey, ib. ; treaſurer's account laid before, 147 ; with the legiſlature of New Jerſey, 159 ; no knowing when he will return from Jerſey, 171 ; appoints commiſſioners to determine the line between New York and Connecticut, 174 ; admoniſhes rev. Mr. Phillips, 181 ; going to Jerſey, 182 ; his lady delivered of a ſon, 188 ; letter of Iſaac Bobin to, 191 ; the gov. of Mountreall writes to, 191.

Burnet, Mrs. gov., brought to bed of a ſon, 188.

Buttons, price of, 18 ; braſs, none in N. Y., 48.

Byerly, Mr., ſhort of money, diſappointed in quit rents, 51 ; pays money to Mr. Clarke, 53 ; lord Cornbury ordered to reſtore him to the office of receiver general of New York, 67 ; Mr. Clarke's warrants on, ſigned, 104 ; his mortgages ſent to

Mr. Clarke, 107; mortgage of, given to Mr. Wileman to be proved, 133, 136; his bond and mortgage recorded, 159.

CÆSAR, a negro ſervant of Mr. Clarke, 34, 90, 92, 184, 185.
Calico, price of, 28.
Calicote, price of, 108.
Campbell, Alexander, land on Hudſon river granted to, 123.
Camphire, price of, 118.
Canada, John Schuyler diſcovered trading to, 132; letters brought to gov. Burnet from, 192.
Candles, price of, 86, 140.
Capers, a bottle of, preſented to Mr. Clarke, 142.
Cards, playing, price of a pack of, 18, 102, 114, 120.
Carpenter, Eleanor, 141.
Cathair, David, money paid to, 89.
Chalk, Venice, ladies in New York buy up all the, 97.
Chaloner ——, wants to ſell a negro wench, as he is going to Rhode Iſland, 128; price aſked for her, 129.
Chambers, John, pays money to Mr. Bobin for Mr. Clarke, 131; Mr. Denne ſends his reſpects to, 168.
Cheeſe, Rhode Iſland, 99, 104.
Cheſwell, Mr., 150
Chocolate, price of, 18, 27, 30, 74, 146. 170, 179.
Clarke, George, letters of Iſaac Bobin to, 8, *et ſeq.*; writes to Mr. Alexander, 10; his quarterly warrants ſent to, ib.; remedy for ſmall pox ſent to,

12; Mr. Bobin ſends ſupplies to, 13, 15, 18; and wiſhes him a happy New Year, 14; informed of the arrival of capt. Goelet from Amſterdam, 16; and that the preſident is about to call a council, 17; his patent paſſed, 20; ſupplies ſent to, 21, 24, 27; letters from, ſent to London, 22; informed of news from brig. Hunter, 25; and that Mr. Burnett is appointed gov. of New York, 26; thinks Mr. Bobin is impoſed on in his purchaſes, 29; deſires to purchaſe a negro, 33; requeſts to be informed of Mr. Burnet's arrival, 34; arrival of negroes from Barbadoes reported to, 36; ſupplies ſent to, 37, 40, 44, 45, 46; informed that the preſident is going to Albany, and that a ſhip is about to ſail for London, 38; further information reſpecting negroes ſent to, 39, 41; payment of notes of, demanded, 42; dabbles in lottery tickets, 43, 64, 70; newſpaper ſent to, 47; informed of the approaching adjournment of the N. Y. aſſembly, 48; writes to gov. Burnet, and commiſſion for ſurrogate of Queens co. ſent to, 52; money remitted to, 53, 73, 78, 97, 108, 135, 138, 155, 161, 175, 185, 187; proclamation convoking the N. Y. aſſembly ſent to, 53; fall of the South Sea ſtock announced to, 56; Mr. Schuyler executes deeds for his land, 58; wiſhes to engage a French young man, 59; informed that the gov. is about to meet the N. J. aſſembly, 60, 61, 62; informed of col. Heathcote's death, 64, 65; his letters ſent to England, 66, 115, 169; copy of lord Godolphin's letter reſtoring Mr. Byerly to office ſent to, 67; alſo of the gov.'s ſpeech to the N. J. aſſembly, 68;

informed of rumors respecting gov. Burnet and Miss Vanhorn, 69; wants a sober man to teach his children, ib.; informed that the N. Y. assembly is further prorogued, 74, 79; visits New York, 76; his quarterly warrants sent to, 78; informed that the gov. returned to New York, but went to Amboy soon after, 78; speeches and address at the N. J. assembly sent to, 80; news from England sent to, 81, 119, 126; letters from gov. Burnet sent to, 81; gov. Burnet requests his presence in New York, 83, 85; informed that a committee has been appointed to examine the treasurer's accounts, 84, and that Mr. Philipse has been removed from the council, 85; also, that the gov. is about to go to Albany, 88; return of the gov. from Albany announced to, 92; gov. Burnet informed that he is prevented by illness from waiting on his exc., 94; gov. B. receives the information in ominous silence, 95; is very craving for money, 96; bibles sent to, 97; his warrants signed, 104; informed that the gov. is expected from Amboy, and promised some snuff, 105; informed of horses which col. Rutsen has for sale, 106; desires to purchase negroes, 109 (see *Negroes*); report on the incidents of his office read in council, 109; council object to his salary being paid in preference to all others, 110; minutes of council on abstract of patents sent to, 111; some members of the council ill disposed towards, 113; informed that the gov. is going to N. Jersey, 115, 182, and that his exc. declines appointing surrogates in remote counties, 119; a wig making for, 120; informed that the N. Y.

aſſembly is called together, 125 ; newſpapers ſent to, 125, 175 ; wants to hire a dairy maid, 132, 139; accuſed of exacting exorbitant naturalization fees, 134; the gov. conſiders ſuch fees an exaction, 135, and will not allow ſuch illegal fees to be received, 136 ; informed that the council is about to ſit, and that the mayors and ſheriffs of New York and Albany have been reappointed, 145 ; leaves town ſuddenly, 147 ; ſchool bills of his daughter paid, 150 ; news from Jerſey ſent to, 159; informed that commiſſioners have been appointed to run the Connecticut boundary, 174 ; admoniſhes Mr. Philips, a diſſenting miniſter, 181 ; votes of the N. Y. aſſembly ſent to, 183 ; informed that the N. Y. aſſembly will authorize the iſſue of new bills of credit, 184, and that the will of Mr. Bickley has been proved, 185 ; appointment of Mr. Harriſon as recorder of New York announced to, 187 ; a hogſhead of Madeira wine ſent to, 188 ; informed that the gov.'s lady has a ſon, ib. (ſee *Plains*).

Clarke, Hyde, recovers from ſickneſs, 131 ; a hat ſent to, 195.

Clarke, Molly, her thimble not finiſhed, 50 ; Mr. Bobin wiſhes health and happineſs to, 51 ; no mittens in New York ſuitable for, 70; ſends her good wiſhes to Mr. Bobin, who compliments her on her genius and good writing, 78 ; Mr. Bobin will remember her when he goes to the ſweat garden, 99 ; learning muſic in N. Y., 130, 132 ; is very well, 138 ; her trunk and ſpinnet to be ſent, 145 ; her ſpinnet tuning, 147 ; her ſpinnet ſent, 149, 151 ; her muſic to be ſent with the ſpinnet,

154; wires for her ſpinnet ſent to, 165; kid gloves for, not to be found, 177; receives money from Mr. Bobin, 182; gloves ſent to, 187.

Clarke, Mrs., 8, 42: her ſhoes not finiſhed, 50; Mr. Bobin is glad ſhe liked the linen he ſent to her, 59; Mr. Bobin ſends his reſpects to, 69; Mr. Bobin ſends her ſnuff box to, 88; gloves purchaſed for, 102; to be returned if not liked, 103; Mr. Bobin ſends oranges to, 120; Mr. Harriſon ſends his reſpects to, 123; Mr. Bobin promiſes to ſend fruit to, 125; congratulated on the recovery of her ſon from illneſs, 131; brought to bed of a girl, 145; Mr. Bobin expreſſes a wiſh for her recovery, 146; Mr. Bobin hopes Dr. Dupuy's negro girl will ſuit, 160; Mr. Cook ſends his reſpects to, 165; Mr. Bobin wiſhes a happy New Year to, 176; returns from New York, 177; receives money from Mr. Bobin, 182; alſo tea, 183; Mr. Bobin ſends gloves to, 187.

Cloves, price of, 40.

Clowes, Mr., trouble between Mr. Denne and, 167.

Cocoa, price of, 170.

Coden ——, promiſes to bring Mr. Clarke ſome Rhode Iſland cheeſes, 104; brings news of the conviction of twenty-three pirates at Rhode Iſland, 135.

Coin (ſee *Bit*; *Pitiole*).

Colden, Cadwallader, appointed ſurveyor and commiſſioner to run the line between New York and Connecticut, 174.

Collins, Mr., promiſes to pay his fees, 96; written to, 99; pays his fees, 105.

Combs, price of, 102, 108.
Commiſſioners to run the line between New York and Connecticut, 174.
Commons, Houſe of, Mr. Robin ſends Mr. Clarke a copy of the address to the king from the, 119.
Congreve, capt., 114, 145.
Connecticut, commiſſioners appointed to determine the boundary between New York and, 174.
Cook, Mr., muſic teacher in New York, 130, 132; to ſend Miſs Clarke a ſpinnet, 145, 147; promiſes to ſend new tunes to her, 149; ſends wires for Miſs Clarke's ſpinnet, and fears ſhe'll forget her leſſons, 165; about to give leſſons to Miſs Clarke, 183.
Corey, Mr., 195, 196.
Corks, price of, 120, 127.
Cornbury, lord, ordered to reſtore Mr. Byerly to office, 67.
Cortlandt, Philip, ſworn in as member of the council, 195.
Council, no ſeſſion of for a month, 16; preſident about to call a, 17; about to ſit, 21; Mr. Philipſe ſaid to be removed from the, 85; confirmation of Mr. Clarke's account of incidents for his office oppoſed in, 109; objections to the warrant for payment of Mr. Clarke's ſalary, in, 110; warrant paſſed, 111; minutes of, miſſing, 112; ſeveral minutes of, carried to Boſton by ſir Edmund Andros, 113; minutes of, ſent to Mr. Clarke, 129; to meet to ſign quarterly warrants and receive report of committee on computation, 145; treaſurer's accounts laid before the, 147; committee appointed to examine as to the correct-

neſs of the computations of the auditor's fees thereon, ib.; Lewis Morris diſmiſt the, 194; Philip Cortlandt called to the, 195.
Court, common pleas, orders relative to the probate of wills preparing for the judges of, 119.
Court, ſupreme, Lewis Morris requeſted to give his opinion as to the neceſſity for renewing the ordinance for the ſitting of the, 55; Mr. Wileman makes out the accounts of the lawyers in the, 153; Mr. Bickley comes to New York to attend the, 178.
Craggs, ſecretary, dead, 81.
Currency (ſee *Bills of Credit*).
Cuyler, Mr., 53.

DECAN, Molly, 166.
Delancy, Mr., 74; not certain when the ſhip Beaver will ſail from New York, 84; regrets that he cannot furniſh Mr. Clarke with garden beans, 122; ſends newſpapers to Mr. Clarke, 162; to be aſked for gooſeberry trees, 178; is ready to ſend them, 181.
Denne, C., letter to Iſaac Bobin from, 166.
Depeyſter, col., his accounts in arrear, 52; ſeems under great concern, 53; can't ſay when his accounts will be ready for audit, 61; committee to examine the late treaſurer's accounts meet at the houſe of, 84 (ſee *Treaſurer*).
Diaper, price of, 40.
Dickens, Molly, paid for ſilk ſtockings, 130.
Dimity, price of, 118.
Doetkins, price of, 18.
Dongan, Thomas, Mr. Bobin writes to, 139; re-

ceives a letter from, 141; letter from, 142; invites Mr Bobin to visit him, ib.; writes to Mr. Clarke, 162, 164.
Dowell, Billy, married to a by blow of lord Southwell, 6.
Downing, capt., about to sail from New York, 87.
Dublois, Mr., 185.
Duffles, price of, 97, 101.
Dugdale, Mr., merchant of New York, 30; Mr. Bobin buys rope from, 45, 61.
Dunck, Mr., sells a negro girl for £45, 116.
Dunckan, Thomas, 148.
Duning ——, Mr. Denne complains of, 167.
Dupuy, Dr., has a negro woman for sale, 151; his negro woman sent to Mr. Clarke, 157; refuses to give her blankets, ib.; Mr. Bobin hopes she'll suit, 160; Mr. Bobin calls on, 162; negro girl he sold called Mary, 163; a bill of sale necessary when she is paid for, ib.; Mr. Denne sends his respects to, 168.
Durane, Mr., 3.

ELLIOT, Mr., 5.
Ellison, capt. William, about to sail for London, 83.
England, many persons ruined by the fall of South Sea stock in, 56; Mr. Clarke writes to, 67; much suffering from the fall of South Sea company's stock in, 81.
Esopus, letter transmitted to gov. Burnet from, 65; letter for Mr. Clarke sent from, 71.
Europe, few vessels arrive in New York from, 75.
Everett, John, Mr. Denne complains of, 167.

FAUCONNIER, Mr., promiſed ſome money, 17; Mr. Clarke writes to, 41; promiſes to look up a young Frenchman for Mr. Clarke, 59; not in New York, 99.
Feriting, worſted, price of, 114.
Ferry, between Long iſland and Staten iſland, 125.
Fever, intermittent, prevalent in New York, 89; not a houſe in Amboy free from, 90.
Franks, Mr., ſtorekeeper in New York, 24; expected in New York, 137; arrives from London, 150.
Fuſtian, price of, 101.

GALLOON, price of, 139.
Galway (Ireland), Borr's marines ſtationed at, 2.
Gallway, earl of, dead, 81.
Garlix, price of, 15, 68, 86, 118.
Gathchouſe, Mr., about to make garden ſticks for Mr. Clarke, 25; turner of New York, promiſes to prepare pine apples for the top of Mr. Clarke's houſe, 58.
George I, yachts and men of war getting ready to attend the return to England of, 57; expected in England, 165.
Gilliard, John, 68.
Glincroſs, William, obtains a grant of land on weſt ſide of Hudſon river, 123.
Gloves, price of, 102, 114.
Godolphin, lord, copy of his letter reſtoring Mr. Byerly to office, tranſmitted to Mr. Clarke, 67.
Goelet, capt., arrives at New York from Amſterdam, 16.

Goodwin ——, takes a hogſhead of Madeira wine to Mr. Clarke, 188.
Grammar, Lilly's, none in New York, 164.
Greyhound, H. M. ſhip, Mr. Clarke's letters ſent by, 115.
Grice, Heſſer, 109.
Griffith, Ned, money paid for nurſing his child, 76.
Guinea, a ſhip expected with negroes at New York from, 37.
Gun flints, price of, 154

HAMILTON, ſnow, arrives in New York from London, 121.
Hanſen, Mr., Myndert Schuyler ſucceeds, as member of aſſembly, 185.
Harding, Thomas, land on Hudſon river granted to, 123.
Harding, Mrs., driven with her huſband by the Indians from their ſettlement in New England and obliged to come to New York, 152; they offer to enter Mr. Clarke's ſervice, ib.
Harrington, Mr., promiſes to furniſh lines, but fails to keep his word, 99.
Harriſon, Francis, 28; expected to communicate particulars of col. Heathcote's death to gov. Burnet, 65; a portion of col. Schuyler's fees on the patent of, to be allowed to Mr. Clarke, 72; fees paid on account of the patent of, 80; empowered to appoint deputy appraiſers, 119; difficulty reſpecting his patent for land on weſt ſide of Hudſon river, 123; commiſſioner on the boundary between New York and Connecticut, 174; appointed recorder of New York, 187.

Harrifon, John, formerly fheriff of Amboy, 160.
Hafkoll, Mr., 159.
Hat, price of, 161.
Hawley, col., fucceeds to the command of Wade's regiment, 2.
Heath, Mr., 6.
Heathcote, col., George Clarke writes to, 43; writes to Mr. Clarke, 47; dies of apoplexy, 64; date of his death, 65.
Hegeman, Mrs., 181.
Hempfeed, none in New York, 154.
Hempftead (fee *Plains*).
Henderfon, John, money paid to, 115.
Hickford, a privateer, brings tea to New York, 180.
Hill, Tom, letter from Mr. Clarke received by, 77; falt and bafs fent Mr. Clarke by, 78.
Holland, many perfons ruined by the fall of South Sea ftock in, 56; a veffel fails from New York for, 184.
Holland, Mr., 29.
Hooper, Mr., applied to for money, 15; negro dealer in New York, 33.
Hopkins, capt., has a negro for fale, 41; his lottery drawn, 64.
Horfes, price of, 106.
Hourglafs, price of, 153.
Hume, doctor, no return of furveys of his land received, 105; imports negroes, 149.
[Hunter], governor, at Amboy, 10; recovered from his indifpofition, 12; Mr. Clarke promifed a copy of his inftructions relating to patent officers, 63; expects to return to New York, 25; grants

3,000 acres of land on Hudſon river to Mr. Harriſon, 123.

Hurly, col Rutſen urged to complete the patent of, 22 ; patent of, recommended to be recorded, 43 ; patent of, depoſited to be recorded in ſecy's office, 45.

Hyde, Edward, requeſts Mr. Bobin to purchaſe ſome cloth for him, 23 ; a wig ſent to, 32 ; articles belonging to, ſent to the Plains, 34 ; account for his clothes ſent to Mr. Clarke, 48 ; ordered on board his ſhip, 49 ; kept on board, 51 ; ſends for his old hat, 62 ; ſorry for his paſt conduct, promiſes to do better, 82 ; much reformed, 84 ; viſits Mr. Clarke, 85 ; everything neceſſary for his voyage ſhipped, 87 ; credit for his paſſage money refuſed, ib.

Hyde, Mrs., 14, 50, 51 ; Mr. Bobin ſends his reſpects to, 69 ; ſends a letter to be forwarded by Mr. Bobin, 82 ; letter of Mr. Bobin to, 130 ; in New York, 131 ; Mr. Harriſon ſends his reſpects to, 123 ; letter ſent to, 165 ; Mr. Cook ſends his reſpects to, ib. ; col. Riggs ſends reſpects to, 173.

INDIANS, deſtroy the ſettlement of Mr. and Mrs. Harding, and drive them off, 152.

Ingoldſby, col., grants 3,000 acres of land to Glencroſs and others, on weſt ſide of Hudſon river, 123.

Ink powder, none in New York, 183.

Intermittent fever (ſee *Ague ; Fever*).

Ireland, duke of Bolton lord lieut. of, 4 ; duke of Newcaſtle no longer mentioned as lord lieut. of, 8.

JAMAICA, L. I., Mr. Rochead of, ſends a ſilver hilted ſword to capt. Nicol, 189; major Weems ſick at, 190.

Jamaica, W. I., the gally John obliged to put into New York on her voyage from, 89; a negro girl born at, offered for ſale in New York, 116; a malignant diſtemper rages at, 125; veſſels from, quarantined, 126; veſſel arrives in New York from, 127; report of ſickneſs at, falſe, ib.; ſhip Sunderland bound from New York for, 172.

Jamiſon, Mr., ſucceeded by Mr. Harriſon as recorder of New York, 187.

Jamiſon, Mr., jun., to ſue Sir George Oglevie, 190.

Janſen, Mr., gives Mr. Bobin the patent of Hurley to be recorded, 45; commiſſioner on the New York and Connecticut boundary, 174.

Jarrate, captain Allane, ſurveyor general, 16; mentioned, 132, 134, 139.

Jay, Mr., a barrel of beef bought from, 140.

Jew, Simon the, a negro dealer in New York, 39.

John, gally, puts into New York on her voyage from Jamaica, 89.

Johnſon, capt., ſails from New York for Holland, 184.

Johnſton, Andrew, his character of the negro wench for ſale at Aniboy, 160; Mr. Bobin ſends a letter under cover to, 168.

Jones, Walter, money paid to, 82.

Jones ——, wigmaker in New York, 120.

Jonneau, Mr., 37.

Jordan, James, 30, 42; brings a letter from Mr. Clarke, 73.

Judges of common pleas, inſtructions relative to the probate of wills preparing for the, 119.

KATTY ——, Miſs, a night gown bought for, 98; accompanies Mrs. Brafier, 99; is very well, 105.

Kearney, Michael, letter of Iſaac Bobin to, incloſing proclamation for the meeting of the New Jerſey legiſlature, 53.

Kennedy, Mr., money to be paid to the mother of, 114; receiver general, receives very few quit rents, 156; pays Mr. Bobin money on account of the incidents of the ſecretary's office, 164; going to Amboy, ib.; pays balance of Mr. Clarke's account, 175.

Kierſted, Mr., tea purchaſed from, 176.

King, Robert, Mr. Bobin requeſts him to enquire about a negro woman that is for ſale in Amboy, 143; letter of, to Mr. Bobin, in anſwer, 148.

Kinſale, H. M. ſhip, ſtarts from New York for Great Britain, 40.

Knives and forks, price of, 108.

LADIES of New York buy up all the Venice chalk in town, 97.

Lake's lottery, Mr. Clarke takes tickets in, 70.

Lampblack, price of, 27.

Lancelot, capt., obliged to come to New York on account of the leaky ſtate of his veſſel, 89.

Land tax, N. Y. aſſembly reſolve to impoſe a, 186.

Lane, Mr., offers to ſell a negro woman to Mr. Clarke, 109; Mr. Bobin purchaſes brandy from, 146; ſends bills to Mr. Clarke, 150.

Latham, Joſeph, ſhip owner in New York, 31, 34.
Lawrence, Mr., 132, 134, 136, 139, 152; clerk in ſecretary's office, 172; Mr. Bobin receives a letter by, 180.
Laws, N. Y., enrolled, 174.
Leare, councillor, tried and condemned to death, but reprieved on promiſe of making a full confeſſion, 121.
Le Heup, Mr., letter of Mr. Clarke delivered to, 189.
Lettice ſeed ſent to Mr. Clarke, 181.
Lilly's Accidences, none in New York, 156, 164.
Lime, price of, 83.
Lime juice, price of, 27, 126.
Limes, not to be had in New York, 120; ſent to Mr. Clarke, 178.
Linen, price of, 59, 156.
Linen, checkered, price of, 37.
Lobſters ſent to Mr. Clarke, 130, 131.
London, a veſſel about to ſail from New York for, 20; ſails for, 22; captain Ouvery expected at New York from, 23; a veſſel about to ſail from New York for, 34, 38, 40; ſhip Beaver arrives in New York from, 81; ſloop William about to ſail from New York for, 83; the gally John puts into New York on her voyage from Jamaica to, 89; capt. Smith of the Beaver expects to eat his chriſtmas dinner in, 104; the ſnow Hamilton arrives in New York from, 121; veſſels at Amboy bound for, 125; a veſſel about to ſail from New York for, 150, 158; ſhip Samuel arrives in New York from, 170.
Long iſland, Mr. Bobin viſits a relative on, 108;

beef, price of, 124; ferry between Staten island and, 125.
Lords in the tower, not yet tried, 119, 121.
Lottery, tickets taken for Mr. Clarke in a, 70; capt. Hopkins's drawn, 64.
Lovell, Betty, marries Mr. Vanderhagen, 5.
Low, Cornelius, fees for his patent not received, 23.
Low, capt, won't let his negro boy go on trial, 163.
Loyd, Mr., sugar bought of, 50.
Ludlow, Mr., 184.
Ludlow, Mrs., applies for money, and being refused feels affronted, 19; promises to have Mr. Clarke's children's clothes ready soon, 78; can't go to the Plains, as she is full of work, 98; to make Miss Katty's night gown, 99; materials for dresses furnished to, 108; selects a piece of garlix for Mr. Clarke, 118.
Ludlow, Mrs. Patty, 172.
Lurting, col., reports a negro wench for sale, 128; merchant of New York, 150.

MADDOCK, Mr., secretary to the lords justices of Ireland, 4.
Magrath, Dr., medicines sent to, 85; other articles sent to, 90, 92.
Marriage licenses, Mr. Alexander claims fees for, 11.
Marsh, Marias, 108.
Martin, James, 42; money paid to, 63.
Maynard, Mr., 61.
Molasses, price of, 24, 38, 85, 102, 126, 179.
Montgomerie, gov., laid up with the gout, 196.
Montreal, the gov. of, writes to gov. Burnet, 191.
Morisania, Lewis Morris resides at, 55.

Morris, Lewis, requeſted to give his opinion as to the neceſſity of renewing the Ordinance for the ſitting of the ſupreme court, 54.
Morris, Lewis, jr., Mr. Bobin declines to give him any atteſted copies of minutes of council relating to public affairs, 194; notified that he has been diſmiſſed the council, ib.
Morris, Jemmey, dying, 126.
Moſs ——, 61.
Mott, Dirck, Mr. Bobin pays money to, 38.
Moulton, capt., about to ſail from New York to London, 34, 38, 40.
Mount, Mr., 69, 88.
Munro, capt., offers to ſell a negro girl, 116.
Muſlin, price of, 24, 108.

NAILS, price of, 15, 86, 114, 118.
Naturalization, fees charged for, 134; gov. Burnet declares them exorbitant, 135; legal fees only to be taken, 137.
Negroes, expected from the Weſt Indies in New York, 33, 39; arrived from Barbadoes, 36; prices of, 36, 41, 115, 116, 129, 148, 152, 160; Simon the Jew does not expect any before the fall, 37; Cæſar in Mr. Clarke's ſervice, 90; a wench to be ſent on trial to Mr. Clarke, 109; a girl brought to New York from Jamaica when three years old, 116; a wench ſix months gone with child recommended, 128, 129; for ſale at Amboy, 143; duty in New York on, an objection to ſend the Amboy wench there, 148; Windiford's wench to be ſubject to further trial, 150; character of Dr. Dupuy's wench, 151, who is ſent to

Mr. Clarke, but does not wish to be sold, 157; character of the Amboy wench, 160; bill of sale necessary for Dr. Dupuy's wench, 163.

Nesbit, Guyon, 135.

Newcastle, duke of, no longer spoken of as lord lieutenant of Ireland, 8.

New Jersey, proclamations for the meeting of the legislature sent to, 53; copy of gov. Burnet's speech to the assembly of, sent to Mr. Clarke, 68; the governor's speeches to, and addresses of the assembly, to be sent to Mr. Clarke, 79; sent, 80; gov. Burnet going to, 115, 125, 145, 182; hempseed ordered from, 154; the assembly resolve to issue bills of credit to the value of £40,000, 159; to be sunk in 20 years, 160; no knowing when gov. Burnet will return from, 171; the assembly of New York expected to issue bills of credit on the plan of, 183.

New Rochell, garlick procured from a Frenchman from, 44.

Newspapers, sent to Mr. Clarke, 47; the Mercury, 125; from Boston and Philadelphia sent to Mr. Clarke, 175.

New York city, small pox prevalent in, 12; oatmeal not to be had in, 13; garden seeds scarce at, 15, 19; vessels from Amsterdam arrive at, 16, 56; length of voyages from Europe to, 16, 25, 56, 81, 89, 161, 165; windmill in, 20; vessels about to sail for London from, 20, 34, 38, 40, 83, 84, 87, 89, 104, 115, 150, 158, 169, 170, 172, 192; Mr. Sharpas postmaster of, 22, 66; capt. Ouvery expected from London at, 23; gov. Hunter's return expected at, 25; news of the ap-

pointment of gov. Burnet received at, 26; ſoldier drowned at, ib.; a ſhark at, ib.; negroes expected from the Weſt Indies at, 33, 36, 39 (ſee *Negroes*); gov. Burnet expected at, 35; a veſſel arrives with negroes from Barbadoes at, 36; H. M. ſhip Kinſale ſails from, 40; lotteries in, 43, 64, 70; no Albany ſtale beer in, 46; Mr. Clarke leaves, 51, 76; no marble tiles in, 53; news of the ruinous fall of South Sea ſtock received at, 56, 81; news from England received at, 56, 81, 119, 121; veſſels arrived from England at, 56, 81, 119, 121, 137, 161, 165, 170; news of a probable peace with Spain received at, 57; gov. Burnet about to go to New Jerſey from, 62; death of col. Heathcote in, 64; lotteries in, 64, 70; much talk of gov. Burnet and Mary Vanhorn in, 68; wet weather in, 75; gov. Burnet arrives from Amboy at, 78; great preparations for the marriage of gov. Burnet making at, 80; Mr. Clarke requeſted by gov. Burnet to come to, 83; few members of the council in town, 85; gov. Burnet about to embark for Albany from, 88; fever and ague at, 89; general complaint of the dullneſs of trade at, 90; gov. Burnet returns from Albany to, 92; Venice chalk all bought up by the ladies of, 97; gov. Burnet expected from Amboy at, 105, and about to go for Jerſey, 115, 125, 145, 182; veſſel from Jamaica arrives at, 127; veſſel from Barbadoes arrives at, 138; capt. Solgard, R. N., arrives with his ſhip at, 139, 159, 187; conſiderable damage done by a ſtorm to the docks at, 141; mayor and ſheriff of, reappointed, 145; Mr. Brownell ſchoolmaſter at, 150; no Lilly's gram-

mars in, 156; Mr. Nicholls poſtmaſter at, 157; no Spaniſh tobacco for ſale in, 158; veſſel about to ſail for Jamaica from, 172; Mr. and Mrs. Bickley arrive in, 178; veſſel for Holland ſails from, 184; Mr. Bickley's will proved at, 185; land tax impoſed for the repair of the garriſon at, 186; Mr. Harriſon appointed recorder of, 187; Mrs. Burnet brought to bed of a ſon at, 188; one of H. M. ſhips careened at, 191; Mr. Rameſay arrives from Montreal at, 191.

New York prov., commiſſioners appointed to determine the line between Connecticut and, 174; deficit in the revenue of, 183; governors of (ſee *Burnet; Hunter; Montgomerie; Schuyler*).

Nicholls, doctor, 97.

Nicholls, Mr., 15, 27, 31; Mr. Bobin receives a letter by, 42; overpaid, 44; money ſent to Mr. Clarke by, 53; ſheeting ſent by, 56; Mr. Clarke gives a note in favor of, 69; money paid to, 73; Mr. Bobin ſends Mr. Clarke a note of, 78; poſtmaſter, New York, 157; gives Mr. Bobin letters for Mr. Clarke, 162; gives Mr. Bobin a letter for Mrs. Hyde, 165.

Nicoll, Andrew, a ſilver hilted ſword ſent to, 189.

Nutmegs, price of, 44.

OATMEAL, not to be had in New York, 13.

Oglevie, ſir George, to be ſued, 190.

Oil, whale, price of, 24; ſalad, price of, 127.

Oldmans creek, difficulty reſpecting Harriſon's patent to the ſouth of, 123.

Onions, price of, 27, 44.

Oranges, promiſed to Mr. Bobin, 178.
Ordinance for the ſitting of the ſupreme court, Lewis Morris requeſted to give his opinion as to whether its renewal be neceſſary, 54.
Ouvery, capt., expected from London, 23; arrives in New York, 25; reports that Mr. Burnet is appointed gov. of New York, 26; about to ſail from New York, 89.
Oxcart boxes, none in New York, expected from Boſton, 128.
Ozanbrigs, price of, 15, 44, 75, 118.

PAINTERD, Mr., merchant of New York, 37.
Paper, price of, 102.
Parker, nurſe, paid five pounds, 155.
Pamerton, Mr., 62.
Patent, Harriſon's, on weſt ſide of Hudſon river, previouſly granted to Glencroſs and others, 123.
Patents, remarks on report of a committee to examine abſtract of, 112.
Payton, capt., arrives in New York, 56.
Peacock ——, a ſaſh maker in the Broadway, New York, 101.
Pearce, captain, places his lieutenant in confinement, 22; orders Edward Hyde on board his ſhip, 49.
Peas, price of, 38, 74.
Pelletreau, Mr., 30; candles procured from, 170; ſoap purchaſed from, 176.
Perth Amboy (ſee *Amboy*).
Philadelphia, Weekly Mercury, a copy of ſent to Mr. Clarke, 47, 125; copies of Lilly's Accidences expected from, 156; newſpapers ſent to Mr. Clarke, 175.

Philipſe, Mr., promiſes Mr. Clarke a copy of brig. Hunter's inſtructions relating to patent officers, 63; a portion of the fees on his patent to be allowed to Mr Clarke, 72; out of town, 73; appointed to examine the late treaſurer's accounts, 84; report received of his removal from the council, 101.

Philipſe, Mr., diſſenting miniſter, complained of, 181; gov. Burnet admoniſhes, 182.

Phœnix, H. M. ſhip, Edward Hyde on board of, 62.

Pine boards, price of, 74.

Pinks, coronation, Mr. Bayeux ſends Mr. Clarke ſome roots of, 75.

Pirates, convicted at Rhode iſland, 135.

Piſtoles, current in New York, 130, 131.

Plains, L. I., articles belonging to Mr. Hyde ſent to the, 34; capt. Hopkins refuſes to ſend his negro to the, 41; agriculture and horticulture cultivated at the, 51; Mr. Mount viſits the, 69; Mr. Sharpas viſits the, 71; wages demanded by pump makers at, 94; Mr Bobin promiſes to ſend fruit to the, 128; Mr. Cook promiſes to viſit the, 165.

Pork, price of, ſcarce in New York, 37.

Poſt, widow, members of aſſembly diſcuſs the neceſſity of iſſuing bills of credit over a glaſs of wine at the houſe of the, 183.

Powder, price of, 86.

Proclamation money, one-half of the New Jerſey bills of credit to be, 159.

Provooſt, col., commiſſioner on the New York and Connecticut boundary, 174.

Pump, price of a, 93, 102.

QUARANTINE, veſſels from Jamaica placed under, 125, 126.
Quit rents, Mr. Byerly diſappointed in payment of, 57; ſecretary Clarke's ſalary payable out of the, 110.

RAMESAY, Mr., delivers letters from his father, the gov. of Montreal, addreſſed to gov. Burnet, 191; leaves for Boſton without ſeeing the gov., 192.
Read, old Mr., dead, 89.
Read, Mr., ſells wine to Mr. Clarke, 188.
Records, public, miſſing, 112; carried to Boſton by ſir E. Andros, 113.
Revenue, deficit in the, 183.
Reynolds, Mr., 23, 29.
Riche, a ſervant of George Clarke, 21, 24, 27, 30, 32, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 74, 75, 77, 83, 85, 87, 89, 90, 92, 93, 101, 102, 104, 105, 108, 109, 115, 124, 126, 140, 144, 146, 149, 151, 161, 169, 170, 172, 173, 177, 178, 185, 187.
Richmond co., a writ ſent to the ſheriff of, to arreſt a ſervant of Mr. Clarke, 101.
Rhode iſland, a man going to, wants to ſell his negro wench, 128, 129; pirates convicted at, 135.
Rhode iſland cheeſes, 99, 104.
Riggs, col., ſends his reſpects to Mr. Clarke's family, 173.
Riggs, Mr., jr., 146; ſucceeds lieut. Blood in New York, 162.
Ripet ——, arrives in New York from Barbadoes, 138.

Robin ——, a brazier in New York, 175.
Rochead, John, letter to Isaac Bobin from, 189 sends a silver hilted sword to capt. Nicoll, ib.; proposes visiting Mr. Clarke, 190.
Rochester [Francis Atterbury], bishop of, confined in the tower, 121.
Romacks, cherconne, price of, 120.
Rope, price of, 45, 114.
Royal Prince, gally, arrives in New York from Amsterdam, 56.
Rum, price of, 30, 132.
Rutger, Mr., Mr. Bobin purchases beer from, 46.
Rutsen, col., acknowledges receipt of his patent, 14; urged to complete the patent of Hurly, 22; recommended to record the Hurly patent, 43; requested to come to town, 45; puts off Mr. Bobin from day to day, 86; Mr. Bobin writes to, 96, 99; no letter received from, 104; sends information about horses, 106.
Rye, commissioners to settle the line between New York and Connecticut to meet at, 174.

SALT, price of, 24, 44, 78.
Samuel, ship, up in London for New York, 162; arrives in New York, 170; about to sail for London, 172.
Schohare, extravagant charges of lawyers respecting, 163.
School, Miss Clarke educated at Mr. Brownell's, New York, 150.
Schoolmaster, Mr. Bobin promises to find out a sober man to teach Mr. Clarke's children, 69.
Schuyler, Jeremiah & Co., Mr. Bobin promises to

ſend Mr. Clarke an account of the ſtate of the patent to, 73.
Schuyler, John, diſcovered trading to Canada, 132.
Schuyler, Mr., promiſes to ſend beer and cider to Mr. Clarke, 13; promiſes to ſend oats to Mr. Clarke, 15; promiſes to ſend beef to Mr. Clarke, 24; ſends fire ſtones to Mr. Clarke, 28; not in town, 33; promiſes to procure a negro for Mr. Clarke, 39; thinks the price demanded for one too high, 41; has no leather, 42; executes deeds for Mr. Clarke's land, 58, 60; ſells ſugar to Mr. Clarke, 102; deeds ſent to Mr. Clarke from, 107; drugget purchaſed from, 149; going to Albany, 163.
Schuyler, Mrs., preſents Mr. Clarke with a pair of gloves and a ſcarf, 117; is under great concern for the loſs of her huſband, 118; ſends dry goods to Mr. Clarke, 144; ſends drugget, &c., to Mr. Clarke, 154; ſends a piece of linen, 156; her account ſent to Mr. Clarke, 174.
Schuyler, Myndert, takes his ſeat in the aſſembly, 185.
[Schuyler, Peter], preſident of the council, 14; indiſpoſed, 17; urges col. Rutſen to complete the patent of Hurly, 22; receives a letter from brigadier Hunter, 25, who expects to return to New York, 26; going to Albany, 38, 39; to allow Mr. Clarke a portion of his fees on certain patents, 72.
Schuyler, Philip & Co., fees paid on account of patent of, 80.
Sciſſors, price of, 28.
Sconlock ——, 103.

Searl, capt., 154.
Seeds, garden, ſcarcity of, 15, 19; ſellery, ſent to Mr. Clarke, 181.
Seive, price of, 27, 40.
Selby, Mr., money paid to, 104.
Sewell, Grace, 28.
Shark, a, in the river at New York, 26.
Sharpas, Mr., 16; poſtmaſter of New York, 22, 26; Geo. Clarke's letters delivered to, 41; forwards Mr. Clarke's letters to Boſton, 66; viſits Mr. Clarke, 71; ſpeaks favorably of Mr. Talbot, pump maker, 84; mentioned, 98, 101; has no deeds belonging to Mr. Clarke, 107; ſends Political ſtates to Mr. Clarke, 171; purchaſes wine of Mr. Van Horn, 173.
Sharpas, Mrs. Betty, 98, 99.
Sheaf, Ann, ſervant of Mr. Clarke, 75.
Shippard, Molly, money paid to, 133, 174.
Ships, from Europe, ſcarce in New York, 75; none cleared in New York for ſix days, 91.
Shoes, price of, 177.
Shot, price of, 86.
Silk, ſewing, price of, 172.
Silver, price of, 164.
Silveſter, Mr., wills ſent to, 196.
Simon the Jew, a ſlave dealer in New York, 37.
Slaves (ſee *Negroes*).
Small pox prevalent in New York, 12; Mr. Bobin ſends Mr. Clarke Dr. Wilday's remedy for, ib.
Smith ——, ſaddles not made by, 101.
Smith, Bernardus, money paid to, 63.
Smith, capt., drops down to the watering place on his voyage to London, 21; articles belonging to

Mr. Hyde delivered by, 33 ; promiſes to let Mr. Bobin know when his ſhip will ſail from New York, 84 ; expects to ſail ſo as to eat his Chriſtmas dinner in London, 104 ; of the Beaver, about to ſail from New York, 192.
Smith, Jeremiah, money paid to, 68.
Smith, John, money paid to, 137.
Smith, Mrs., her candles complained of, 170.
Smith, Peter, 91.
Smyth, Lawrence, Mr. Clarke writes to, 168 ; nothing received from, 171.
Snediker, Tunis, 91.
Snuff, the weather in New York unfavorable to drying, 75 ; Mr. Bobin promiſes to have ſome made, 105.
Snuff box, Mr. Bobin gives Mrs. Clarke her, 88.
Soap, price of, 27, 118, 146, 176.
Solgard, capt. [Peter], ſails from Rhode iſland, 135 ; arrives in New York, 139 ; returns to New York from a cruiſe, 159 ; arrives in New York from Virginia, 187.
Soumine ——, 50.
South Sea company, people of England ſuffer greatly from, 81.
South Sea ſtock, ruinous fall in, 56 ; ſpeculators in, compared to Moſes and Pharaoh croſſing the Red ſea, 57.
Southwell, lord, Billy Dowell marries a by blow of, 6 ; one of the commiſſioners of the revenue in Ireland, ib.; formerly ſir Thomas Southwell, 7.
Southwell, ſir Thomas, elevated to the peerage, 7.
Spain, probability of a peace with, 57.
Spelling book ſent to Mr. Clarke, 131.

Spinnet, taught in New York, 145; Miſs Molly Clarke's, tuning, 147; ſent to her, 149, 151; muſic to be ſent with the, 154.
Spirits of wine, price of, 118.
Stanhope, earl, dead, 81.
Starch, price of, 27, 139.
Staten iſland, ferry between Long iſland and, 125; veſſels from Jamaica ordered to ſtop at, 126; Thomas Dongan lives at, 139; (ſee *Richmond co.; Watering place*).
Stillwell, Mrs., ſtorekeeper in New York, 141.
Stockings, price of, 34, 116, 174, 177; ſilk, price of, 28.
Stoddard, Mrs., 31.
Storm in New York does conſiderable damage to the docks, 141.
Sugar, loaf, price of, 50, 86, 90, 97, 120; brown, price of, 85; loaf, none in New York, 118, 127.
Sunderland, ſhip, up in London for New York, 161; arrives in New York, 165; bound for Jamaica, 172.
Supreme court (ſee *Court*).
Surrogate, John Bridges commiſſioned, 52.
Surrogates, gov. Burnet declines appointing any in remote counties, 119.
Surveyor general has not made any return of ſurvey for Dr. Hume, 105.
Swanſkin, price of, 97.
Swanſwick, ſhip, 47.
Sweat garden, 99.
Sylveſter, John, 163 (ſee *Silveſter*).
Symes, capt., his commiſſion confirmed, 162; arrives in New York, 165.

TAFFITA, price of, 98.
Talbot, Richard, pump maker in New York, 93.
Tar, price of, 126.
Tarr, Mrs., money paid to, 90.
Tea, price of, 40, 116, 120, 130, 146, 153, 172, 176, 179, 180.
Temple, Mr., money paid to the wife of, 120.
Teſtament and Pſalter, price of, 85; ſent to Mr. Clarke, 131.
Thong, Walter, expects ox cart boxes from Boſton, 128.
Tiles, marble, none in New York, 53.
Tobacco, Spaniſh, none on ſale in New York, 158, 164.
Tower, the lords in the, not yet tried, 119, 121.
Towers, Mr., ſick of fever, goes to England, 4.
Treaſurer, committee appointed to examine accounts of, 84; has no money, 88, 91; Mr. Bobin can not get any money from the, 104; buſy making up his accounts, 137, 138; his accounts ready, 141; his accounts laid before the council, 147; ill of fever, 156, 169, 171 (ſee *Depeyſter*).
Trowel, maſon's, price of, 102.
Tudor, Sarah, 184.
Tutor, private, required for Mr. Clarke's children, 69.

VANBRUGH, capt., arrives in New York with a cargo of negroes, 34, 35; his negro will not ſuit, 39; refuſes to ſend his negro to the Plains (Hempſtead), 41.
Vanbrugh, Mr., going to Albany, 163.

Van Dam, Mr., pays money to George Clarke, 47; appointed to examine the late treasurer's accounts, 84; audits an account of charges about Schoharie, 163; considers some items very exorbitant, 164; mentioned, 169.
Vanderhagen, Mr., landscape painter, marries Betty Lovell, 5.
Vanhorn, Abraham, gov. Burnet pays attention to a daughter of, 69; his brigantine arrives in New York from England, 119.
Vanhorn, John, wine purchased from, 173, 176.
Vanhorn, Mary, much talk in New York about gov. Burnet and, 69.
Venice chalk, ladies of New York buy up all the, 97.
Vernon, Mrs., postpones giving an opinion regarding a negro woman, 150; gloves for Miss Clarke sent to, 187.
Virginia, capt. Solgard arrives in New York from, 187.
Voyage from Amsterdam to New York, length of, 16, 56; from Lizard point, 25; from London, 81, 161, 165; from Bristol to New York, length of, 137.

WADE, brig. gen., 2.
Wages, pump maker's, 94.
Wallett, Mr., reported to have married Betty Lovell, 5.
Walpole, Mr., George Clarke writes to, 115, 164.
Walton, capt., accepts a note of George Clarke, 42.
Walter, capt., appointed to examine the late treasurer's accounts, 84.

Warner ——, ſecond lieutenant in Borr's marines, 2.
Watering place (Staten Iſland), H. M. ſhip Kinſale drops down to, 40.
Webſter, Mr., chief ſecretary for Ireland, 4.
Weekly Mercury of Philadelphia, 47, 125.
Weems, capt., a ſoldier of his company drowned in the North river, 26; major, dangerouſly ill, 190.
Weſt Indies, negroes expected in New York from, 33, 39; a negro girl born in the, offered for ſale in New York, 116; veſſels daily expected in New York from, 124.
Whalebone, price of, 28, 74.
Wig, price of a, 32; one Jones promiſes to make Mr. Clarke a, 120.
Wilday, Dr. Samuel, his remedy for ſmall pox ſent to Mr. Clarke, 12.
Wileman, Mr., requeſted to furniſh Mr. Clarke his accounts, 9, 15; promiſes to furniſh them, 10; reports that the deeds for Mr. Clarke's land have been executed, 58; ſick with the gout, 60; promiſes to deliver papers belonging to the ſecretary's office, 69; fees for certain patents, in the hands of, 72; pays money on account of certain patents, 80; delivers a meſſage from Mr. Collins for Mr. Clarke, 96; has no deeds belonging to Mr. Clarke, 107; mortgage of Mr. Byerly given to, to prove its execution, 133, 136; takes the minutes of the ſupreme court to make out the lawyers' accounts, 153; has not completed the lawyers' accounts, 172; has the lawyers' bills nearly ready, 175; adviſes Mr. Bobin that he cannot furniſh copies of minutes of the council on pub-

lic affairs without an order from the gov. and council, 193.
Will, a ſervant of ſecretary Clarke, 13, 14, 19, 97, 98, 100, 101, 107, 108, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 122, 124, 130, 132, 138, 140, 144, 145, 146, 147, 153, 155, 157, 161, 162, 166, 175.
Willard, Mr., of Boſton, letters to be encloſed to, 190.
William, ſloop, about to ſail from New York to London, 83.
Wills, orders preparing relative to the probate of, 119; ſent to Mr. Silveſter, 196.
Windiford ——, has a negro woman for ſale, 150.
Windmill, Mr. Clarke's penknife mended by a man near the, 20.
Wine, price of, 146, 176.
Winman, Mr., upholſterer in New York, 150.
Worſam, Mr., 22.

ERRATA.

p. 49, l. 6 from top, *for* Pevice, *read*, Peirce.
p. 50, l. 12 from top, *for* Sonmine, *read*, Soumine.
p. 137, l. 3 from bottom, *after* here, *insert*, a sloop.